

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLETING THE Dr. Alfred Bader BISC Grant Application Form

### Eligibility Criteria:

Students must meet the following eligibility criteria in order to be considered for the BISC Grant:

- Demonstrate strong academic and extra-curricular achievement
- Attending the BISC for the Fall and/or Winter term
- Be returning to Dalhousie for at least one term.
- Be a current Dalhousie student. Students with visiting student status are not eligible.

### Application Checklist

#### Forms:

- Completed Application Form

#### Supporting Documentation:

- Loan Documentation to Support Debt Information
- Copy of your parents' most recent Income Tax Assessment (if you have identified as a dependent student)
- Copy of receipt or quote (date must be indicated) for plane ticket

#### Other:

- Resume (Please feel free to include volunteer and extra-curricular experiences if these have contributed to your personal and/or professional development)

### Additional Information

- You will be informed of your nomination by email to your dal.ca email account.
- If successful, your nomination will be forwarded to Queen's University. Once you are fully admitted and registered, they will apply the BISC grant to your account.
- Plane tickets are not considered an expense if they are purchased on points, but taxes and any related surcharges can be claimed. Only one return ticket will be considered/term.
- Please note that all personal circumstances are carefully reviewed by the Committee when considering eligibility based on financial need. Students are encouraged to use the Statement of Intent to detail any circumstances that can assist the committee in evaluating the file, especially if a student's particular circumstances are not clearly reflected in the standard application.

**Dr. Alfred Bader BISC Grant**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

**Please submit completed form and supplementary information to:**  
*International Centre, Dalhousie University, 1246 LeMarchant Street, Halifax, NS B3H 4R2*  
 TEL (902) 494-1566 FAX (902) 494-1751 [www.dal.ca/international](http://www.dal.ca/international)

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Country: _____	Date Application Received: _____ Date Application Reviewed: _____	Amount Awarded: _____
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**PERSONAL & CONTACT INFORMATION**

Dalhousie Student Number \_\_\_\_\_ Dalhousie Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Surname/Family Name)

<p><b>Current Address</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>Street Address City</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Province Country Postal Code</p> <p>Telephone Number ( ) _____</p>	<p><b>Permanent Address</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>Street Address City</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Province Country Postal Code</p> <p>Telephone Number ( ) _____</p>
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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Are you receiving a Tuition Waiver?  Yes  No

Are you a King's Student?  Yes  No

Degree Program (*BSc, BA, etc.*) \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major/Specialization (*History, Biology, etc.*) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation:  Spring 20\_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS TRAVEL EXPERIENCE**

Dates	Destination	Purpose of Travel

**QUESTIONS (Respond to questions on separate blank sheet. Attach at end of application)**

**Part 1: Please reply in 300 words or less.**

How will this experience benefit you personally, professionally and/or academically?

**Part 2: Please reply to one question in 300 words or less.**

1. What makes Dalhousie unique?
2. What makes you proud to be Canadian? If you are not Canadian, what makes you proud to be studying in Canada?

**Part 3: Please reply to one question in 300 words or less.**

1. What would define a successful Study Abroad experience for you?
2. What will you be able to contribute back to Dalhousie once you have returned from your Study Abroad program?

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Marital Status:

- Single                       Divorced  
 Married                       Common Law

Do you have any dependents?

- Yes *How many?* \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION**

Are you deemed to be financially “dependent” or “independent” of parents/guardians for loan purposes by the government student aid authority?

DEFINITION: The government student aid authority defines independent students as students who have been out of high school for 5 years or more.

- Dependent                       Independent

If you answered “Dependent,” please complete the following questions:  
 You will also be required to provide a copy of your parents’ most recent Tax Assessment.

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Number of Dependents in your family (including yourself):	Gross Yearly Income (Parent 1): \$	Gross Yearly Income (Parent 2): \$	Total Gross Parental Income (Both Parents): \$
Parental contribution towards your educational costs for this current academic year (NB: If applying in July, state upcoming year's contribution) \$	Are you a member of a one-parent family? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you live with your parents during the school year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you live with your parents, How much do you pay for room and board per month? \$

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – STUDENT AID ASSESSMENT INFORMATION (CURRENT YEAR)**

<b>LOANS</b>	
<b>IMPORTANT: Please provide documentation regarding all loans</b> (For example, Notice of Assessment for Government Loans, print-outs of Credit Limits and Outstanding Balance for Bank Loans, etc.)	
Do you have a <b>Canada Student Loan</b> this year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Amount:	Do you have a <b>Provincial Student Loan</b> this year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Amount:
Do you have a <b>Bank Education Loan</b> this year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Amount:	If you do not have a student loan this year, please explain the reason:
<b>BURSARIES</b>	
Do you have a <b>Provincial Student Bursary</b> ? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Amount:	Have you received a <b>Dalhousie Bursary</b> through the Registrar's Office or your department this academic year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Amount: Date:
Are you applying for a Dalhousie Bursary through the Registrar's Office or your department for the period of your international placement? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Amount: If yes, when? _____	

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – APPLICANT (AND SPOUSE) TOTAL DEBT STRUCTURE**

**IMPORTANT: Please provide documentation regarding all debt**

A) Accumulated government student loans (including this academic year):  Amount:	B) Accumulated debts from bank, trust or finance companies:  Amount:
C) Outstanding balance on credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc.):  Amount:	D) Private Loans:  Amount:

Total Debt Structure (Add A, B, C & D amounts)

TOTAL Amount:

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION –WORK PERIOD/SUMMER SAVINGS REPORT**

For the period of May to August inclusive, there are 18 weeks available for work and/or study, depending upon personal circumstances. Please indicate what you (and your spouse) did, earned, spent, and saved during this time.

Number of weeks spent studying: _____ Weeks  Course:	Number of weeks <u>un</u> employed _____ Weeks  Reason for unemployment:
Number of weeks employed _____ Weeks  Income: \$ _____  Please describe job:	Total Summer Resources: \$ _____ (Summer Employment income plus other Income)  Summer Expenses: \$ _____  TOTAL SUMMER SAVINGS: \$ _____ (Subtract Expenses from Resources)

**Transfer TOTAL Summer Savings to the “Previous Savings from Other Sources” (under Resources) on the Budget Sheet if any can be applied to your placement expenses.**

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**BUDGET FOR PLACEMENT**

<b>EXPENSES</b> for international program		<b>RESOURCES</b> for international program	
Tuition/Program Fee	\$ _____	Total amount of loans to be used for the placement period (CSL, Provincial, Bank, etc)	\$ _____
Books & Supplies	\$ _____	Total amount of Bursaries to be used for the placement period (Provincial, Dalhousie) Where are they from: _____	\$ _____
Instruments, equipment, special clothes	\$ _____	Non-Dal Bursaries (High School, Church, Company, etc.) Scholarships/ Awards/External Funding (etc.)	\$ _____
Medical Insurance	\$ _____	Previous Savings from Other Sources	\$ _____
Travel Insurance	\$ _____	Stipends (i.e Assistantship)	\$ _____
Inoculations	\$ _____	Income during International Program	\$ _____
Uninsured medical, dental and optometry costs if “independent”	\$ _____	Spouse’s contribution, if spouse is not a student	\$ _____
Passport & Visas/Study Permits	\$ _____	Parental Assistance (if you are a “Dependent”) it is expected that your parents will be contributing to your education costs	\$ _____
Airfare (See related notes on page 1)	\$ _____	Miscellaneous (Family Allowance, Social Services, Canada Pension, Adult Training) \$ _____ x _____ weeks	\$ _____
In-Country Expenses	\$ _____	Work Term Income (If applicable)	\$ _____
Accommodations \$ _____ x _____ weeks	\$ Included in Fee	Other support (specify):	\$ _____
Meals/Incidentals \$ _____ x _____ weeks	In addition to those provided by the BISC \$ _____		\$ _____
Utilities (basic telephone, electricity, heat, water) \$ _____ x _____ weeks	Included in Fee		\$ _____
Local Transit \$ _____ x _____ weeks	\$ _____		\$ _____
Other (please specify)			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ _____	<b>Total Resources</b>	\$ _____

**Expenses** (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) **minus Resources** (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) **equals** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Agreement**  
***Dr. Alfred Bader BISC Grant***

I agree:

1. that the information contained in my International Financial Assistance Application is, to my knowledge, a true, complete and accurate statement of my financial status, and I hereby request consideration for assistance from the funds made available for this purpose by the University that all financial support received will be used to support the international experience as outlined in my bursary application;
2. to the release by Dalhousie University of information about any financial assistance that may be awarded to me as a result of this application, upon request by any federal or provincial student financial aid office;
3. that the International Centre Study Abroad & Exchange Advisor may review my academic record for the purpose of advising on international exchange, placement, and work opportunities and/or funding for same;
4. that the University may contact my sources of funding if this is judged to be necessary; subject to my being notified in advance that this is being done;
5. to submit a report to the Funding Committee on the funded international experience (see page 8 of this application for details);
6. that if, for whatever reason, I do not undertake the international experience or fail to fulfill any one of these obligations, I will repay all financial support received from the International Centre;
7. that Dalhousie University will not release copies of transcripts to or for any bursary supported student who has failed to comply with any of the above.
8. that Dalhousie University assumes no liability for any loss, injury or additional expenses which the student incurs or suffers as a result of this international experience. The Student agrees to indemnify and save harmless Dalhousie University from any loss, damage, injury or other expenses caused by the student to any third party.

I agree to all of the conditions as stated above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dalhousie ID Number:

### Reporting on the Funded International Experience

The Funding Committee requires that all students receiving funding report on their international experience upon the completion of their program.

You may choose to complete this requirement by submitting one of the following:

- 1) A written piece of at least 500 words reflecting on your learning experience abroad. For example, you might choose to submit:
  - a. A focused reflection on any specific aspect of your learning experience such as an event that provided you with a learning opportunity;
  - b. An account of a theme (such as cross-cultural communication, diversity, new ways of learning, being a minority in your host country etc) that surfaced while you were abroad and how it has impacted you.
  - c. Your take on how this experience has impacted your world view.
  - d. A summary of how this experience has enhanced your academic program at Dalhousie.
- 2) A log of incidences of cultural biases in which you identified as being a “Canadian” in an international setting.
- 3) Using photographs identify a series of sites that reflect the history, culture, geography or government of your host country. Add a paragraph to each that describes why this picture defines the essential characteristics of your host country.
- 4) Complete a survey provided to you by International Student and Exchange Services.