

Bursary for Conference Participation of Indigenous and African Nova Scotian Students Program Outline

As a part of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation (2016-2021) funding the Dalhousie's Indigenous and African Nova Scotia Conference bursary program is designed as an initiative for Indigenous students (First Nation, Inuit, and Métis) and African Nova Scotians at Dalhousie University. The goal of the program is to enable students to attend extracurricular programming such as conferences as part of their professional development (does not include courses). A limited amount of funds are available and can be used to go towards registrations fees and/or travel fees.

Eligibility

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the bursary:

1. Self-identify as Indigenous or African Nova Scotian*
2. Be attending a relevant conference or professional development activity
3. Be a current student registered in Dalhousie University programs in one of the health faculties:
 - a. Faculty of Health Professions
 - b. Faculty of Medicine (including Bachelor of Medical Sciences)
 - c. Faculty of Dentistry

*For the purposes of this bursary the following definitions apply:

Indigenous Atlantic Canadians – (tiered system of priority shall be used to assess applications)

Priority will be given as follows:

- 1) First Nations Communities from the Atlantic Provinces
 - a. Mi'kmaq - individuals who are Mi'kmaq and were born and/or raised in Mi'kmaqi with a substantial connection to a Mi'kmaw community in Mi'kmaqi
 - b. Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) - individuals who are Maliseet and were born and/or raised in the Maliseet territory in New Brunswick with a substantial connection to a Maliseet community
- 2) Métis/ Innu/ Inuit from Atlantic Provinces
 - a. Students who identify as **Métis**, Innu, Inuit originating from the Atlantic Provinces.
- 3) Indigenous Students (First Nation, Inuit, Métis) born and raised outside of Atlantic Provinces.

African Nova Scotian – (tiered system of priority shall be used to assess applications. Priority will be given as follows:

- 1) African Nova Scotians – born and/or raised in Nova Scotia with a substantial connection to the historically Black community*;
- 2) African Nova Scotians/Canadians – born and/or raised in Nova Scotia without connection to the historical Black community*;
- 3) African Canadians – born and/or raised outside of Nova Scotia.

**Historically Black communities are understood to be those whose ancestral origins are connected to Black Loyalists and Black Refugee populations of the 1700s, the Maroons, and Caribbean migrant population.*

Application Process

There will be opportunities to apply for bursaries throughout the year.

Conference Dates:	February 1 – May 31 (2018)	June 1 – Sept. 30 (2017)	October 1 – January 31 (2017)	February 1 – May 31 (2018)
Application Deadline	March 15 (2017 only)	May 15	September 15	January 15

Students must complete application form with a detailed description of conference agenda, the learning objectives and how attendance will aid in their education or career goals.

Students who receive a bursary will be responsible to submit a thank you letter to the donor (Johnson Scholarship Foundation) through the Manager, Indigenous Programs within 30 days following the conference. Student may be requested to contribute to communication pieces (e.g. blog post, news article).

Applications can be downloaded from the Global Health Office website (<http://medicine.dal.ca/global-health>).

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