

Michael J. Keen Award

The Keen Award provides stipend funding for a female undergraduate student summer research experience in the Department of Earth Sciences similar to an NSERC USRA. The successful student will work closely with a supervisor in the Department with the goal of exposing the student to scientific research work in general and to specific research in the field of Earth Sciences.

The tenure of the award runs from June 1 to August 31, 2019.

Criteria and eligibility

Applicants must be, at the time of their appointment, female students enrolled at Dalhousie entering their 3rd or 4th year of studies in Earth Sciences and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5. Both Canadian and international students are invited to apply.

Stipend Value

The stipend for 2019 is \$6,000 for the full 12 weeks: \$3,000 from the award and \$3,000 from the supervisor.

How to apply

To apply for the Award, with your potential supervisor's help, please complete the application form which is [downloadable here](#). Along with the application form, please arrange to have transcripts sent from all post-secondary institutions attended (Dal BANNER printouts are acceptable). For each of your current X/Y classes, you must obtain a signed statement from the instructor indicating your midyear grade.

The completed package including the application, transcripts and your signed statement(s) must be submitted by **4:00 PM, February 1, 2019** to the main office of the Department of Earth Sciences, Room 3006, Dalhousie Life Sciences Centre, Biology/Earth Sciences Wing. Please address the application to **Dr. Isabelle Coutand**.

The award winner will be notified soon thereafter, with a formal announcement in early spring at the annual Earth Sciences banquet.

This award is as highly competitive and as highly selective as an NSERC USRA and an offer will only be made if a successful match is made between the undergraduate award candidate and the head of the research group. Please spend some time browsing [the Department of Earth Science website](#) to learn about research groups with whom you may be interested in working.

Some tips for potential applicants:

DO NOT WAIT: Email or phone a supervisor you might like to work with. Mention that you are interested in a summer research position and applying for the Keen Award. Researchers and faculty members are busy folks so we encourage to start the process right away. Make an appointment to visit prospective supervisors in person. **Please note** emailing or meeting with a faculty member does not commit you to work with that faculty member. Nor does it commit the faculty member to accept you. But it does dramatically increase the chances that a match is made.

Questions? Contact Isabelle Coutand at icoutand@dal.ca

APPLICATION FORM
Department of Earth Sciences
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Student information

Student name _____ BANNER number _____
E-mail _____ Phone number _____
Major: _____ Years of study completed _____

Provide academic transcripts from all universities attended (Dal BANNER printouts are acceptable), along with midyear grades from current X/Y courses.

Please complete the following if you are willing to have the above student work under your supervision this summer should they receive a summer research award. **Minimum required supervisor contribution is \$3000.**

Supervisor name: _____ **Supervisor signature:** _____

In the space below, provide a title and description of the proposed research project for the period during which the award will be held. The proposed research must be related to a field in Earth Sciences. Briefly specify the student's role.