

## Queen Elizabeth Scholarships (Planetary Health)—Application Guidelines 2018

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2012, Canada celebrated the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. Support was rallied from government and the private and public sectors to fund an inspiring new scholarship initiative in her honour: the *Canadian Queen Elizabeth Scholarships* program.

This program represents a unique opportunity for Canadian students and Canadian universities. The goal of our program is to develop global citizens ready to work on the challenges of deteriorating planetary health through enriched academic, professional, and cross-cultural experiences.

Students selected for the scholarship program will be named “Queen Elizabeth Scholars” (QES) and will engage with communities across the Commonwealth, learn about cultures and create projects and actions that impact the world. They will build lasting relationships among their peers and with the communities that they serve and achieve personal and professional growth. Through the global community of Queen Elizabeth Scholars, they will share knowledge, exchange ideas, and collaborate on meaningful initiatives.

Queen Elizabeth Scholars will become the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, inventors and leaders. Through this unique international exchange of talent, students will enrich their communities and discover that anything is possible.

### PROGRAM CONTEXT

1. Queen Elizabeth Scholars will receive \$7,000 for internships between 90-180 days (excluding travel days as well as orientation days) with a partner organization in Africa.
2. Queen Elizabeth Scholars will contribute \$1,500 towards the cost of the experiential learning experiences. Additional scholarship opportunities may be available to students who choose to apply.
3. There are 32 scholarships available.
4. Current participating African Commonwealth countries: Kenya, Uganda
5. Queen Elizabeth Scholars must complete the following components:
  - Study series on culture, ethics, mindfulness, participatory engagement and language training
  - A practicum that includes: a three-week project course and an immersive practicum (a minimum of 90 days\*) in the African country

\* Student **must** stay in the African country for a minimum of 90 days. If the student does not complete 90 days, all of the funds must be returned to University of Saskatchewan.

### APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Open to all University of Saskatchewan students registered in a graduate program or in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of an undergraduate program.
- Must have a minimum average of 78% in last 24 months of full time education.
- Must participate in discussion sessions and the two components of the practicum.
- Must have permanent residency or citizenship from Canada.
- Must be proficient in English, be able to travel internationally.
- Must be age 35 years or under at the time of application.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit completed application package:
  - i. Unofficial academic transcripts from your postsecondary education. Official transcripts from the institutions other than the University of Saskatchewan will be required if accepted.
  - ii. Letter of support from a USask faculty mentor, stating how the QES program will benefit the student, improve and fit with their graduate research, and how the student's research aligns with Planetary Health and the QES program.
  - iii. One-page (max.) statement of interest including personal goals and rationale for being part of the QES program.
  - iv. Signed QES Community Engagement Form confirming the commitment to participating in all QES program activities.
2. Short listed candidates will be interviewed.
3. Students selected for the scholarships must also apply for Global Engagement Scholarships. The office will submit the application on behalf of the students. Further information on this award is available [here](#).
4. If you are a graduate student from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, you can apply for the [Education Enhancement Grants](#). If you are an undergraduate student, you can apply for the [W. Murray Riddell and Betty C. Riddell Scholarship](#).

Please visit [here](#) for updated information.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: ASAP until the spots are filled

Please submit your electronic applications in pdf format by the deadline. If you have questions, please contact Jun Li, Academic Programs Specialist of School of Environment and Sustainability at [jun.li@usask.ca](mailto:jun.li@usask.ca) or phone number: 306-966-6756.

**Queen Elizabeth Scholarship- Application Form****Student Passport Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Student Number/USID:** \_\_\_\_\_**College or School/Major:** \_\_\_\_\_**Level of Study/Year of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_**Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_**Research Interest in QES:** (please use key words only) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_**The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for the award:**

- Registered in a graduate degree program or an undergraduate (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year) degree program at University of Saskatchewan.
- Plan to participate in the QES program which includes the study series, a three-week project and an immersion practicum in the African country
- Interested to conduct research in Kenya, or Uganda
- Student **must remain** in the African country for a minimum of 90 days (failure to do so will result in mandatory repayment of QES funds)
- Maintained a minimum average of 78% in last 24 months of full time education
- Have permanent residency or citizenship from Canada
- Proficient in English
- Able to travel internationally
- Age 35 years or under at the time of application

**Please complete the following checklist and attached the corresponding documents:** **Statement of Interest**

Please provide a one-page of your interest in becoming a Queen Elizabeth Scholar as well as your goals and objectives for the program (Single-spaced, Minimum 12-pt Times New Roman font, Name in the page header).

 **Letter of Support**

Please provide a Letter of Support from a USask faculty mentor, which states how the QES program will benefit you, improve and fit with your graduate research, and how your research aligns with Planetary Health and the QES program.

 **Academic transcripts from the postsecondary education**

Please provide your copies of unofficial transcripts of the postsecondary education at the time of application. Official transcripts from the institutions other than the University of Saskatchewan will be required if accepted.

 **Signed QES Community Engagement Form**

Please complete and sign below QES Community Engagement Form.

**QES Community Engagement Form**

In the event I am offered a Queen Elizabeth Scholarship, I agree to participate in all community engagement activities.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit the completed application forms with attachments in PDF format to Jun Li at [jun.li@usask.ca](mailto:jun.li@usask.ca) ASAP.**