

Objective

For women, education is the key to gender equality, economic prosperity, better health and much more. For over a century, based on this belief, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has played an important and active role advocating for women's rights and leadership in all spheres of society. CFUW's work advancing women's education, ensures that future women leaders are financially supported through their awards and fellowships. These fellowships and awards fund a range of graduate studies.

Number and Value of Fellowships and Awards for 2024-2025

In the academic year 2024-2025, CFUW will support **fourteen awards for graduate degree students**. Awards are valued between **\$5,000-\$11,000 for one year**.

Award	Field of Study/Eligibility	Value (CDA)	# Awards
Dr. Alice E. Wilson Awards	For a mature woman returning to Graduate study in any field, in Canada or abroad, after an absence of at least three years. There are four Awards, (two for Master's study and two for Ph.D.).	\$5000	4
Elizabeth and Rachel Massey Award	For a woman in post-graduate studies in music or visual fine arts such as painting, sculpture, or textile arts, in Canada or abroad.	\$5000	1
Linda Souter Humanities Award	For a woman studying at the Master's or Doctorate level, in Canada or abroad. The Humanities include English Language and Literature, History, Philosophy, Film, Communications, or Cultures.	\$6000	1
École Polytechnique Commemorative Award	For a woman in any field, studying in Canada or abroad. The applicant must justify the relevance of her work to women. This award commemorates the 14 women students murdered at the École Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989.	\$5,000 (Masters) \$7,000 (PhD)	2
Bourse Georgette Lemoyne	The applicant must complete her application in French and must be studying in French for an advanced degree in any field, in Canada or abroad.	\$5,000	1
Dr. Margaret McWilliams Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	For a woman who has completed at least one calendar year in a full-time doctoral program and is enrolled in full-time studies in Canada or abroad at the time of application.	\$11,000	1
Ruth Binnie Fellowship	For a woman who is enrolled in Master's level studies that focus on one or more aspect(s) of Human Ecology, Home Economics/Family and Consumer studies, in Canada or	\$6,000	1

	abroad. Special consideration will be given to a woman pursuing a post-graduate degree in Education.		
Canadian Home Economics Association (CHEA) Fellowship	For a woman enrolled in a Canadian university for studies at the Master's or Doctorate level in Human Ecology, including Family and Consumer Sciences.	\$6,000	1
CFUW Memorial Fellowship	For a woman enrolled in studies at the Master's level in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM), in Canada or abroad.	\$8,000	1
CFUW Legacy Award In Memory of Mary Margaret Davies	Awarded biennially to a woman who has completed one calendar year of a doctoral program, at the time of application. The PhD thesis research/project must focus on advancing gender equality. It is not restricted to a specific field of studies. The Fellowship is tenable in Canada or abroad.	\$5,000	1

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; or have proof of status as a Protected Person from Immigration and Citizenship Canada (claimants are not eligible to apply); and is enrolled or has been accepted in an approved graduate research program.
- If approvals of ethical reviews and/or research are required, the dates of approval reviews must be included in the application.

Conditions and Restrictions

- Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate degree program at an accredited university as stipulated in the requirements for each award.
- Proof of registration will be required before funds are released.
- Successful applicants must continue to be enrolled at the university cited in their application throughout the tenure of the award.
- Any changes to research projects or project supervisors must be pre-approved by CFUW for the applicant to continue receiving her award.
- No applicant will be granted more than one CFUW Fellowship or Award each year.
- An applicant may win a maximum of three Fellowships and Awards during her lifetime. No more than two awards will be given for the same academic degree.
- A CFUW Fellowship or Award is not divisible.
- CFUW Fellowships and Awards are non-renewable.
- A successful recipient will not be awarded the same Fellowship or Award in consecutive years.
- Successful applicants can hold other awards concurrently.

Selection Process

Scholarship Partners Canada will confirm the eligibility of applicants before forwarding applications to CFUW's selection committee for review, evaluation, and selection of award winners. The selection committee assesses applicants based on academic accomplishments and/or performance, future potential, and capacity to be a leader in her chosen field of study. All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process in April 2024.

How to Apply

Applicants can prepare and apply through an online portal accessible at:

https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/CFUW_EN/

Applicants must create an account on the online portal where they can upload and save information and track the progress of their application. There are two parts to the application, as indicated below. **Both parts must be received before January 10th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. EST.**

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application and all the supporting documents outlined here are submitted by this deadline. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Application submission will be acknowledged by email.

Note: *Applicants are not required to submit transcripts.*

The two parts to the application are:

1. Application Form

Applicants must complete an application form. Please read the application guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the form.

2. Referee Assessment Form

Applicants are required to have two referees complete Referee Assessment forms. At least one of these assessments must be completed by an academic reference. The second assessment can be either from an academic reference or from a person familiar with your personal history.

The Referee Assessment form is available for download from the online portal. Please have each referee complete an assessment and submit the report by email to CFUWawards@univcan.ca before the application deadline. It is your responsibility to ensure that each referee is advised well ahead of time that they will need to complete an assessment and that they have ample time to do so before the application deadline.

Because applications are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee, applicants are encouraged to keep technological terminology to a minimum in the interests of clarity and understanding.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge their acceptance of the terms and conditions/restrictions of the award by signing an award contract. They will also be required to forward any additional documentation needed to process payment of the award including banking information. Universities Canada requires awardees to provide their social insurance number (SIN) for the issuance of T4As.

It is the responsibility of the award winner to keep CFUW informed of any changes to their contact information by

keeping this information current on the online portal.

Successful applicants should also note that their names, biographical information, and photographs may be used in promotional initiatives for the Canadian Federation of University Women. The Canadian Federation of University Women and the Charitable Trust asks that it be recognized in the acknowledgements of any publications resulting from work accomplished during the tenure of an award.

Payment

- Award payment will be made by Universities Canada/SPC on behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women.
- Award payment will only be made once the successful applicant has completed the award acceptance process and Universities Canada/SPC has received all necessary documentation to process payment. Payments will be distributed in September.
- Award payment will be paid to the successful applicant by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). **Please note that EFT payments can only be made to a Canadian bank account AND the bank account must be in the award recipient's name.**
- Note: Both the Dr. Margaret McWilliams pre-doctoral Award and the CFUW Memorial Fellowship Award are payable in two installments (September and January.) These payments are made when CFUW receives reports of satisfactory progress from the supervisor.

About Canadian Federation of University Women

CFUW is a non-partisan, self-funded organization of more than 6,500 members in 95+ clubs in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace. For more information about CFUW please visit www.cfuw.org

Administrator

Universities Canada's Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) division administers the scholarship program on behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industries, communities, and institutions in other countries.

Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 140 different scholarships programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit www.univcan.ca.

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