



Global Affairs Canada: Study in Canada Scholarships (SICS) Application Guideline

Funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), **Study in Canada Scholarships (SICS)** enables eligible Canadian post-secondary institutions to award scholarships to international students from a diverse range of countries and territories for [short-term study or research](#) in Canada.

SICS is available for **currently enrolled full-time undergraduate and graduate students who are studying at a home institution in a SICS country**. Applicants who are not currently studying a degree program are not eligible to apply.

See below for details about eligibility and application requirements.

The UVic SICS application deadline is **Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 4:30pm PT**.

Eligibility

Scholarships may only be awarded to individuals who are:

- Citizens of the following eligible countries/territories:
 - **Asia:** Bangladesh, Nepal, Taiwan;
 - **Europe:** Türkiye, Ukraine;
 - **Middle East and North Africa:** Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia;
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda.
- Enrolled **full-time** at a post-secondary institution in an eligible country/territory;
- Paying tuition fees to that institution at the time of application and for the full duration of their mobility in Canada;
- Able to complete all project activities no later than September 30, 2027.

Scholarships may not be awarded to individuals who:

- Hold or have a pending application for Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.
- Are already holding another grant or source of funding from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), through its legal name, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), or from a Canadian federal granting agency (e.g. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) or Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). All additional sources of funding must be declared.
- Are already enrolled in a degree, diploma or certificate program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Other Requirements

- For applicants pursuing studies at UVic, a valid student exchange agreement **must** be in place at the time of application; contact your home university international exchange office.
- For undergraduate or graduate research applicants, an institutional agreement with UVic is not required. **Research applicants must identify and confirm a host supervisor at UVic**. If awarded SICS, research applicants will register at UVic via the [Visiting International Research Student \(VIRS\)](#) or [Graduate Visiting Research Student \(GVRS\)](#) program.

Scholarship Value and Duration

All values are in Canadian Dollars

- \$10,200 CAD for 4 months or one academic term for study or research at the undergraduate level
- \$10,200 CAD for 4 months or one academic term for study or research at the graduate level (Masters and PhD)
- \$14,000 CAD for 5 to 6 months for study or research at the graduate level (Masters and PhD)

Key Dates

- March 12, 2026, 4:30pm PT: UVic application deadline
- May/June 2026: Notification of results from GAC to UVic; communication of results to applicants
- Scholarship recipients may commence their studies or research between August 1, 2026 and March 1, 2027. UVic will disburse scholarship funds to scholarship recipients upon their arrival in Victoria.

Application Process & Requirements

Exchange students: Before applying, contact the exchange advisor at your home institution. It is required for you to be nominated by your home university.

Research students: Please note that **it is your responsibility to find an academic supervisor at UVic willing to mentor and support your research at UVic.** To begin your search for a UVic supervisor, review the [UVic research page](#). This page is helpful to understand UVic's key impact areas. From there, it's possible to "explore our researchers" where you can search by keyword/discipline, etc. **You will need to contact potential academic supervisors directly.** If they agree to serve as your host supervisor, you will request a letter of invitation from them to be submitted in the application.

Once you have confirmed your nomination from your home university (if you plan to apply for study on academic exchange) or you have confirmed your UVic host research supervisor (if you plan to apply for research), you may proceed with the application.

1. Prepare the following required supporting documents for the application form:
 - a. **Privacy Notice Statement for Non-Canadian Participants**
 - [Download from GAC website](#)
 - Must be completed, signed, and dated for consideration of the scholarship within the last 6 months.
 - b. **Proof of Citizenship**
 - Photo or scan of passport or national identify document.
 - Ensure the photo/scan is clear and legible.
 - c. **Proof of Full-Time Enrollment at Home University**
 - Provide a letter from the home university that confirms the applicant is **enrolled full time** and will continue to be enrolled full time upon return.
 - The letter must be written in English on official home university letterhead, and signed and dated within the last six months.
 - **NOTE:** it is a key eligibility requirement that the applicant is and will maintain full-time student status; ensure this is clearly stated in this letter.
 - d. **Letter of Intent from Applicant**
 - Provide a letter that outlines the nature of the studies/research to be undertaken; the rationale for choosing Canada, the University of Victoria, and the program; and, how the program will impact the applicant's career.

- The letter must be a maximum of one page, written in English, and signed and dated by the applicant.

e. Letter of Support from the Home Institution

- Provide a letter prepared by the applicant's instructor, professor, or international director at the home university. The letter must explain the nature of the studies/research to be undertaken and how the applicant and home university will benefit from the scholarship program.
- The letter must be a maximum of one page, written in English on official home university letterhead, and signed and dated within the last six months.

Additional documents for research applicants ONLY

f. Letter of Invitation from Canadian Supervisor - Required for Undergraduate and Graduate Research Students

- Provide a letter prepared by the applicant's UVic research supervisor. The letter must indicate the supervisor's willingness to support and mentor the applicant. It should also demonstrate how UVic, the supervisor, the applicant, and peers will benefit from the applicant's participation.
- The letter must be a maximum of one page, written in English or French on official UVic letterhead, and signed and dated within the last six months.

g. Visiting International Research Student (VIRS) Agreement – Required for Undergraduate Research Students ONLY

- Download [VIRS Agreement here](#)
- Requires signatures from home and host institutions to verify the research agreement.
- The "host institution's international coordinator" signature may be left blank; this will be signed by the Office of Global Engagement at UVic.

2. Complete the online [SICS application form](#) before the deadline.

NOTE: all application submissions are final. Please ensure to review and confirm details and documents provided in the application are correct and accurate. No changes to the application will be permitted after official submission.

UVic will review all complete applications. The Office of Global Engagement will submit the final qualifying applications to the Government of Canada by the official deadline.

For questions, please contact the Office of Global Engagement, world@uvic.ca.