

INDO-PACIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR CANADIANS

Funding Guidelines for **Graduate Student Scholarship Applicants**

May 2026

Program Timeline

There are 6 scholarships and 14 Fellowships to be completed by March 2028. For all applications, the minimum in-region requirement must be met by **March 2028** (120 days for scholarships and 90 days for fellowships) and all deliverables completed. No extensions.

Competition deadlines:

- 24 April 2026 (now closed)
- 24 June 2026
- 24 August 2026 - only if there is remaining funding to be awarded

How to apply:

1. Visit the dedicated [CAPI-IPSEFC page](#)
2. Complete the [online application form](#)
3. Upload required supporting documents (see page 3 for a list of required documents)

Eligibility

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Must be a currently registered Master's or Doctoral student at the University of Victoria
- Must propose research aligned with Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy
- Optional: Have an established partner in an eligible Indo-Pacific economy¹
(CAPI can also match students with partners)

¹ Eligible Indo-Pacific Economies

Funding supports research in the following regions (excluding China):

Northeast Asia: Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Taiwan.

Southeast Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam.

South Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

Oceania: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

Funding and Eligible expenses:

(6 scholarships to be completed by March 2028)

- Value: Up to CAD\$15,000 per award
- In-Region Requirement: Minimum 120 days in-region over the course of the project by March 2028. This requirement can be fulfilled across multiple trips. Applicants must clearly outline in their proposal how the minimum duration will be met, including a detailed timeline and rationale where applicable.
- Eligible Expenses include:
 - Airfare-roundtrip economy-class airfare from Canada.
 - Insurance
 - Accommodation
 - Direct research expenses (e.g., local transportation, research materials, data collection costs, organizing workshop(s) or roundtable(s), etc., as applicable and justified)

All expenses must comply with University of Victoria financial policies and the IPSFC funding agreement.

Disbursement Schedule

- 50% of total award will be disbursed upon completion of pre-placement training and the submission of a signed funding agreement.
- 35% of total award will be disbursed following submission of the midterm report and research log, and successful completion of the mid-placement check-in.
- 15% of total award will be disbursed upon completions of all deliverables, including final narrative report and knowledge mobilization activities.

Disbursements are contingent upon compliance with reporting requirements.

Required Documents:

(You will be asked to upload these as individual PDFs)

- ☐ Statement of Intent (approx. 300-500 words) outlining research goals, current or planned Indo-Pacific partners, and relevance to Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy (IPS)
- ☐ Current Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Self-location Statement (approx. 300-500 words) explaining how your background, experience, and academic or professional trajectory shapes your research interest and approach
- ☐ Letter of support/reference from an academic supervisor, addressing your research potential and outlining the supervision and support that will be provided during the placement;

- ☐ Academic transcripts
- ☐ Research proposal (2-3 pages) including: research objectives, methodology, minimum in-region duration and timeline, knowledge mobilization plan and research outputs (e.g., workshops, presentations, publications, policy briefs, etc.), and risk assessment.
- ☐ Proposed budget

Graduate student applicants who are seeking a host organization may submit an application outlining their research interest; CAPI will facilitate partner matching. Final host confirmation is required prior to award disbursement.

- ☐ A letter of support from Indo-Pacific partner institutions, if applicable.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a CAPI-appointed selection committee. Applicants in the first-round competition will be notified of the results in May 2026. Thereafter, applicants will be notified of results on a bi-monthly basis as applications are reviewed.

Selection Criteria (100-Point Scale)

- **Alignment and Strategic Relevance (20 points)**
Demonstrated alignment with Canada's [Indo-Pacific Strategy](#) and priority areas.
- **Research Quality and Academic Merit (15 points)**
Strength of the research design and scholarly contribution, including the potential for interdisciplinary, critical, and reflexive inquiry.
- **Feasibility and Work Plan (15 points)**
Clarity, realism, and coherence of the proposed timeline, activities, and anticipated outcomes.
- **Partnership and Institutional Collaboration Potential (15 points)**
Evidence of meaningful partnership and reciprocal institutional engagement with Indo-Pacific collaborators.
- **Knowledge Mobilization and Research Outputs (15 points)**
Potential to disseminate findings effectively and contribute to broader knowledge exchange.
- **Budget Justification (10 points)**
A clear, reasonable, and well-justified budget aligned with project activities.
- **Integration of GBA+ and EDI (10 points)**
Clear and thoughtful integration of Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) principles into the research design and analysis.

Program Structure and Requirements

Participation Requirements

- Attend a pre-departure session: partner coordination and preparation, ethical research practices, health and safety guidance, intercultural relationship building, establishing support networks and mentorship for grad students.
- In-region engagement: virtual or in-person knowledge exchange and sharing with other award recipients.
- Participation in a post-program and knowledge sharing forum: research dissemination (presentations, policy briefs, publications), and opportunities for sustained collaboration. (February or March 2028)

Reporting Requirements

- **Pre-Placement**
Complete a pre-placement survey
- **Mid-Placement:**
Submission of a research log and mid-term report outlining progress to date, key activities undertaken, and any support required.
- **Post-Placement:**
 - Submission of a comprehensive final narrative report summarizing research outcomes and impacts
 - Complete a post-placement survey

Contact Information

For inquiries regarding the IPSFC awards, please contact:

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