

Engaging Indigenous Languages, Knowledges, Learning and the Land

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Application Package

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

**For Travel To Belize During the Period:
May - August 2024**

Outgoing University of Manitoba Students

The Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (QES) is managed through a unique partnership of Universities Canada, the Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF), Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) and Canadian universities. This program is made possible with financial support from the Government of Canada, provincial governments and the private sector.

In the event the pandemic is still a threat and restrictions are in place, travel to Belize will be postponed and a new date will be negotiated. All Applicants will be informed.

Please note that the application package is intended to be completed and submitted electronically. For questions or assistance with the electronic submission, please contact QES2Ind.education@umanitoba.ca

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Self-Screening Check List

Please confirm that you meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee.
The selection committee may request additional information pertaining specifically to your academic performance and enrollment status for the purpose of determining eligibility for the scholarship.

- I am a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- I am under 35 years of age at time of application.
- I am a full time UM student registered in a degree program at the undergraduate or graduate level at time of application.

Choose one of the following:

- I am a Bachelor of Education student who has completed Practicum 1, and I am in clear standing with a GPA of 2.50 and no course grade below a C or Pass at time of application **OR** I am currently registered in Practicum 1 and coursework and will have successfully completed Practicum 1 and course work with no grade below a C or Pass and will be in clear standing as of January 12, 2024 (For May-August 2024 travel only). Applicants must continue to be in clear standing at time of travel.
- I am a PBDE student, and I am in clear standing with a GPA of 2.50 and no course grade below C at time of application. Applicants must continue to be in clear standing at time of travel.
- I am a Pre-Master, M.Ed. or Ph.D. student at the University of Manitoba, and I am in clear standing with a GPA of 3.0 and no course grade below C at time of application. Applicants must continue to be in clear standing at time of travel.
- I am an undergraduate student pursuing a degree program and have successfully completed a minimum of 51 credit hours at time of application in clear standing with a GPA of 2.50 and no course grade below C. Applicants must continue to be in clear standing at time of travel.
- I have consulted with my Faculty and have confirmed that the course associated with the scholarship will receive university credit.
- I identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, or Inuit and was born in Canada or identify as Indigenous and was born outside Canada). Note: International students are not eligible for this scholarship.
- I understand that if I am offered a Scholarship, I must undergo an official Criminal Record Check (including Vulnerable Sector screening) and Child Abuse Registry check and be cleared no later than **February 1, 2024**.

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- I commit to participating in pre-departure, arrival & re-entry orientation, requirements and activities and any courses associated with the QES Program.
- I commit to full participation as required by my internship host.
- I understand that internship and living conditions, health care, culture, and other aspects of life in Belize may be significantly different than in Canada.
- I understand I must be willing and able to live and complete an internship in a rural placement.
- I understand that I may be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result, proof of vaccination and the requirement to self-isolate by the Government of Belize and that all travel will be subject to current health regulations as required by the University of Manitoba, the Government of Canada and the Government of Belize. I further understand that I will be responsible for ensuring I remain up-to date on these requirements. For more information, see: <https://www.paho.org/en/belize>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>
<https://umanitoba.ca/coronavirus>

Applicant Check List

Please ensure you have completed the following tasks before you submit your application.

- Attach Proof of Age and Proof of Citizenship
This must be a legal document showing your age and citizenship, such as a scanned copy of the photo page of your passport.
- Attach a complete copy of your academic history and current registrations printed from AURORA.
- Attach Curriculum Vitae/Resume
This should include all relevant and up to date information (name contact information research/professional interest, education on, awards, employment, publications, presentations/conferences, professional affiliations and paid and unpaid experience).
- Complete Statement of Interest (below)
Applicants will be required to demonstrate relevant and appropriate background as evidenced in their statement of interest to engage in an international internship in Belize.
- Attach a letter of support from a U of MB faculty member or graduate advisor.

In keeping with the terms of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Award, preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Preference will also be given to students who, at point of application, are enrolled in degree or diploma program in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba.

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Applicant Information – Please Print

Surname:	Given Name(s):
Mailing Address:	
UM Email:	
Telephone number:	
Date of Birth DD-MMM-YYYY:	
UM Student #:	
I am enrolled in the Faculty of:	
I am seeking a Degree in:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an undergraduate student
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a graduate student
<input type="checkbox"/>	I identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis or Inuit and was born in Canada or I identify as Indigenous and was born outside Canada). Note: International students are not eligible for this scholarship.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Canadian Citizen or a permanent resident

By submitting this application, I declare that:

- I have answered all questions applicable to me and certify that the information is true and complete.
- I have consulted with my Faculty and have confirmed that the course associated with the scholarship will receive university credit.
- I agree to participate in an in-person interview, if requested.
- I understand that I may be required to provide proof of a negative Covid-19 test and/or proof of vaccination upon arrival in Belize. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure all Belizean requirements are met. For more information please see: <https://www.paho.org/en/belize>
- I agree to be bound by the (“*Terms and Conditions for Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships at U of Mb*”) (below).

Signature:	Date:
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Statement of Intent-

1. Please provide information about your personal interest in the QES Program and areas of focus for your internship. (300 words)

2. Discuss how this internship meets with your personal and career aspirations, as well as what you will gain by participating in this program. (200 words)

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3. Discuss how you will be able to contribute to your host community. What specific skills/experience/knowledge would you like to apply to your internship. (400 words)

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4. How do your past work, study and/or volunteer activities relate to one or more of the 4 themes: Engaging Indigenous Languages, Knowledges, Learning and the Land? (150 words)

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5. Please check one of the following:

I am comfortable completing my internship on my own

I wish to complete my internship with other students

Selection Criteria

The four themes are: Indigenous Languages, Knowledges, Learning and the Land.

Criteria	Weight
Applicant's demonstrated linkages between the applicant's academic and career goals and the 4 themes of the QES internship.	30%
Applicant's contributions to host community	30%
Applicant's demonstrated past leadership or community involvement in activities related to the 4 themes	25%
Academic Grades	15%
TOTAL	100%

Selection

Applicants must notify the QES II Coordinator of conditional acceptance of the award within one (1) week of notification of their scholarship offer.

Once the official Criminal Record Check (including Vulnerable Sector screening) and clearance on the Child Abuse Registry have been received, a final letter of acceptance will be sent to the scholar.

Please return completed applications to:

Rosanna Caruso, Coordinator,
Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship
Program Room 237 Education Building, Faculty of
Education University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3N-1T1
Email: QES2Ind.education@umanitoba.ca
Phone: 204-474-6638

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Terms and Conditions – Outgoing University of Manitoba Canadian Scholars

For Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships at U of MB

A Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship may be awarded to a Canadian student who is registered at the University of Manitoba in an undergraduate or graduate degree program and participates in an approved academic (for credit) international internship of a minimum of 90 days.

Distance learning/on-line programs are excluded.

Participation in the QES II Community of Scholars

UM's QES II Scholars must commit to participation in the QES II Community of Scholars ("The Community") from the time of acceptance, throughout the internship period and following the internship. Involvement in the Community may include organizing or participating in events, volunteering, sharing research results or methodologies, supporting fellow QES II Scholars, or mentoring new Scholars as they enter the program.

The minimum mandatory commitments include:

1. Participation in pre-departure sessions, arrival, re-entry sessions and annual QES II Scholar orientation and welcome events. Re-entry sessions may include presentations to potential QES applicants.
2. Participation in regular meetings with fellow QES II Scholars and associated UM faculty.
3. Active participation in mandatory QES II networking events, webinars and educational events as directed by the QES Team at the University of Manitoba.
4. Engagement in the QES II Scholar online community.

Personal Conduct

This is a prestigious award. Scholars act as ambassadors of the program and Canada. Therefore, a high level of professionalism, ethical behaviour and scholastic performance must be maintained.

These expectations are in addition to the policies and procedures of the University of Manitoba, including the QES II Scholars Travel Contract, UM Student Codes of Conduct, and student policies relating to your home faculty. For links to the University of Manitoba policies, see https://umanitoba.ca/human_rights/rwle/index.html.

For policies relating to your home faculty, please see your faculty advisor.

Financial Contribution from the QESII Scholarship

The QES II Scholarships for *Canadian* students undertaking internships in Belize for a minimum of 90 days receive total funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 Canadian dollars. These funds are related to costs associated with the internship and may include international airfare, ground transportation, living expenses/accommodations, visa application fees and related expenses, and other internship-related costs.

Payment of Scholarship Funds

The funds will be paid directly to the Scholar. Students will receive \$7,500.00 prior to departure and an additional \$500.00 upon submission of the final narrative report. Payment takes up to four weeks.

Please note that we will aim to have your funds released to you approximately three months prior to your travel period depending on when you apply and receive admission notification. Please ensure you apply early to ensure you receive your funds prior to having to make payment for your flight and living arrangements.

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Financial Contribution from the Scholar

Scholars are responsible for their personal expenses including:

- Cellular telephone, Internet, telephone or television services and charges
- Personal items, including clothing
- Cosmetics, medications, prescriptions, medical expenses not covered by their Travel medical insurance and Manitoba Pharmacare.
- Ground transportation costs while abroad
- Recreational or social activities
- Memberships, including associations, groups or clubs
- Vacation and additional international trips

Any costs that exceed the scholarship amount are also the responsibility of the Scholar.

Duration of Scholarship

Scholars **must be engaged in the internship in Belize for a minimum period of 90 days**, excluding travel dates and/or in-county orientation and/or personal travel, as defined by the QES II Scholarship program.

Deferment

Deferments of the scholarship will not be permitted, except in exceptional circumstances.

UM Policies and Procedures

Scholars are UM students and are required to abide by all UM policies and procedures, including any specific policies at the faculty or department level related to student conduct.

Cancellation of Scholarship

The UM reserves the right to cancel a scholarship if:

1. The Scholar's academic performance falls below the minimum grade point average required by your Faculty or Department to remain in clear standing.
2. The Scholar is placed on Academic Probation.
3. The Scholar does not participate in scheduled QES II Scholarship activities.
4. The Scholar does not register and successfully complete the required courses associated with the QES Program.
5. The Scholar ceases to be a UM student for any reason.
6. The Scholar fails to consistently attend scheduled meetings associated with the QES Team at the University of Manitoba, or CELA Belize and internship partners where scholars may be placed.
7. The Scholar fails to follow policies and procedures related to student conduct at the U of M and/or at the department or faculty level from which the student is registered,
8. The Scholar violates any of the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship program contained herein.
9. The Scholar decides to voluntarily withdraw from the internship.

Cancellation of the scholarship may result in partial or full repayment of scholarship funds by the Scholar. If the scholarship is in jeopardy for any reason, scholars must inform the Coordinator immediately.

Taxation

Scholars will be issued a T4A tax slip from the University of Manitoba.

Legal Status

Canadian QES II Scholars will be required to apply for and secure appropriate visas, as applicable.

Scholarship Acceptance

All QES II Scholarship acceptances will be conditional pending clearance of an official Criminal Record Check (including Vulnerable Sector screening) and clearance on the Child Abuse Registry.

Applicants must notify the QES II Coordinator of conditional acceptance of the award within one (1) week of notification of their scholarship offer.

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