

The W.L. Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarships

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RE: MACKENZIE KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 2021-22

Dear “Home University” Contact for the Mackenzie King Scholarships,

As in past years, information and application forms for the Mackenzie King Scholarships are available on the Mackenzie King Scholarships Website, www.mkingscholarships.ca. Applicants are able to download the application form and information sheet, in English and French, for both the Open and Travelling Scholarships. Please pass this information on to students who inquire about these scholarships. Please note that the application form and information sheet are essentially unchanged from last year. (The Website needs updating but the essential information is still accurate.)

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding any problems with the website or additional features that might be added to it.

The results of the 2020-21 competition are being sent to you simultaneously with this announcement.

APPLICATIONS TO THE HOME UNIVERSITY

For either the Open or the Travelling Scholarship, applicants must be holders of a Canadian university degree of any level. Applicants who have not yet finished their degree are eligible to apply provided they expect to finish it before the graduate studies to be supported by the scholarship begin. The present competition is for graduate study in the academic year 2021-22, beginning in or after September 2021.

Applications must be made to the home university, which is the university from which the applicant has received or expects to receive her or his most recent Canadian degree. Applications submitted directly to the Selection Committee will not be considered. The Website advises that at most home universities, applications should be made to the Mackenzie King Scholarship Competition, c/o the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In universities that have no Graduate Studies Faculty, the Awards Office is given as the addressee to contact.

Please note that international students are eligible to apply, but they must already hold a Canadian degree. If the graduate study being pursued is their first Canadian degree, they are not eligible.

As stated on our website, applicants must submit all required materials to your University by Monday, February 1, 2021.

Letters of reference must be confidential, i.e. not accessible to the candidate. Referees may provide their letters in sealed, signed envelopes to be submitted by the candidate as part of a hard-copy application package, or referees may send them directly to the home university. Signed and scanned letters sent by email are acceptable as long as the referee sends them to the home university and not to the candidate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For either scholarship, the candidate can apply for support in any year of a graduate program, whether master's or doctoral. The Open Scholarship is unrestricted as to subject matter or the country where the graduate study is to be pursued. The Travelling Scholarship is only available to support graduate study at an institution in the US or the UK in the field of international relations or industrial relations. The Selection Committee in the past has interpreted “international relations” broadly, as encompassing a program in any discipline as long as the topic is substantially concerned with the relationship between

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nations. If there is doubt about whether a particular application for the Travelling Scholarship meets the subject-matter criteria, please feel free to contact me.

HOME UNIVERSITY NOMINATIONS TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee asks each home university to nominate no more than two applicants for each of the two scholarship competitions, the Open Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship. If you nominate two candidates for one scholarship and are able to rank them, that is very helpful. The Selection Committee does, however, reserve the right to choose a second-ranked candidate over a first-ranked candidate from the same university.

We prefer to receive your nominated candidates' files in digital (.pdf) form. Please forward them (one .pdf file for each candidate) to this email address, mking.scholarships@ubc.ca, to be received no later than Monday, March 15, 2021.

If digital transmission is unavailable, hard copies may be sent to:

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MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Please let me say how grateful we are to everyone at your university who helps us with the Mackenzie King Scholarship competition. We received 76 nominations last year for the Open Scholarship and another 23 for the four Travelling Scholarships. The Selection Committee are all volunteers. We could not cope with the several hundred applications that are submitted to home universities across Canada if it were not for your help in selecting the candidates you forward to us. We know how much time and trouble you must put into the screening of the applications. We only wish there were more than one Open (\$9,000 last year) and four Travelling Scholarships (\$11,500 last year) to award each year. On behalf of the Board of Scholarship Trustees and the Selection Committee, thank you very much.

Yours truly,



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