Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (QES)  
Call for proposals: Advanced-Scholars

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Overview

Canadian universities are invited to submit multi-year project proposals seeking funding of up to $500,000 CAD for projects of up to four years. Each Canadian university may submit one proposal to the 2016 competition.

Summary of Project Criteria

- Canadian universities which have recognized provincial degree granting powers, or their affiliates, may submit a proposal to QES-AS. Universities may partner with one or more other Canadian universities for a joint proposal however; each university may only be the lead applicant in one submission to the program.
- Projects will support doctoral researchers, post-doctoral fellows and early career researchers from Canada and low and middle-income countries (LMICs) to develop solutions to increasingly complex national and global challenges.
- All scholars must be undertaking research in one of the following areas of focus: Agriculture and Food Security; Climate Change; Employment and Growth; Food, Environment, and Health; Foundations for Innovation; Governance and Justice; Maternal and Child Health; and Networked Economies.
- Eligible projects will demonstrate a partnership between a Canadian university and an institution in a low or middle income country and if available at the time of application, will include information on the research placement partner(s). The research placement partner(s) may be located in either Canada or an LMIC.
- The program will require all scholars to participate in leadership development and community engagement activities and to participate in the network of Queen Elizabeth Scholars.

Proposal Requirements:

1. Completed application form
2. The indication of university support form, signed by a senior administrator
3. The completed budget form
4. The letter(s) of support from the research placement partner(s) (if applicable)
This form saves automatically and can be continued at a later date. Please ensure to use the same device and browser when completing the form, as responses saved are not specific to the user.

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1.0 General Information
Please provide the required information below.

1.1 Canadian university:

If the university is not listed, please provide the name below:

1.2 Primary contact for the project:
   Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr):
   First Name:
   Last Name:
   Title:
   Department:
   Street 1:
   Street 2:
   Street 3:
   City:
   Province:
   Postal code:
   Email:
   Telephone number:

1.3 Are you partnering with another Canadian university?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

Please indicated the partner Canadian university(ies):

If the university is not listed, please provide the name below:

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2.0 Project
2.1 Project title:

2.2 Project summary: Please summarize your project. Clearly and succinctly describe your objectives, partners, activities and expected results. In this justification, describe the project’s strategic value to your university including planned approaches. (500 words)
2.3 Indicate your project's area(s) of focus:
- Agriculture and food security
- Employment and growth
- Climate change
- Food, environment and health
- Foundations for innovation
- Governance and Justice
- Maternal and child health
- Networked economies

3.0 Scholar Data
3.1 Number of Queen Elizabeth Scholars: Enter the number of anticipated scholars by program component. Note, individual scholars are to be accounted for one time throughout the duration of the project (2017 - 2020).
- Doctoral researchers
- Post-doctoral fellows
- Early career researchers

3.2 Select the countries involved in your project: To select more than one country, press and hold Ctrl and select each name.

3.3 Type(s) of mobility anticipated:
- Canada – LMIC (Canadian scholar going to LMIC)
- LMIC – Canada (LMIC scholar coming to Canada)
- LMIC – LMIC (LMIC scholar travelling to other LMIC country)

4.0 Project Partners
Projects must include a partnership between the Canadian university, an institution in an LMIC and one or more research placement partner(s). The research placement partner(s) may be located in either Canada or an LMIC.
Projects may build on existing partnerships between Canadian and LMIC institutions, or QES funding can be used to establish new joint research partnerships. QES funding will support Canadian and LMIC institutions in new or existing partnerships to undertake new, innovative projects.

Please provide the following information regarding your partner institutions:

4.1 LMIC partner institution(s): A university or research facility located in an LMIC partnering with the Canadian university.

4.1 a) Number of LMIC partner institution(s):
- 1
- 2
- 3
4.2 Research placement partner(s): The for-profit and/or not-for-profit research placement partners are located in either Canada or in an LMIC. It will host the Queen Elizabeth Scholar for at least 30% of the total research award.

4.2.1 Has your project confirmed research placement partner(s) to collaborate on this project?
○ Yes
○ Research placement partner(s) have yet to be confirmed.

Please describe your strategy for identifying research placement partner(s) for your project. (500 words)
Please provide a letter from the research placement partner confirming interest in collaborating on the project.

Letters are to be sent by email to qes-as@univcan.ca by the deadline of November 25.

4.3 Number of confirmed research placement partner(s):
- 1
- 2
- 3

**Research placement partner 1**
- Name of research placement partner:
- City of research placement partner:
- Country of research placement partner 1:
- Organization type:
  - For-profit
  - Not-for-profit

**Research placement partner 2**
- Name of research placement partner:
- City of research placement partner:
- Country of research placement partner 2:
- Organization type:
  - For-profit
  - Not-for-profit

**Research placement partner 3**
- Name of research placement partner:
- City of research placement partner:
- Country of research placement partner 3:
- Organization type:
  - For-profit
  - Not-for-profit
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4.4 Partnership: Describe the partnership between the Canadian university and the LMIC partner institution(s). Include current activities, new initiatives this funding would support, and the roles and responsibilities of each partner in the implementation of this project. For new partnerships, please describe your strategy to develop strong, effective partnerships given the limited duration of the QES-AS project and present the new initiatives this funding would support. (1000 words)

4.5 Capacity building of the partner institution: Please describe your strategy to help strengthen the capacity of the LMIC partner institution. Include your strategy to develop a needs assessment process collaboratively with the partner institution, including a training plan as well as a reintegration plan for each scholar, which will ensure the transfer of skills/knowledge when the LMIC scholar returns to their home institution. (300 words)

5.0 Objectives, results and risks

5.1 Rationale: Provide a rationale for the proposed project. Discuss how your approach, partnerships and activities will contribute to meeting the objectives and outcomes of the program. (1000 words)
5.2 Results: The logic model for the program is presented below. For each of the immediate outcomes, add three proposed activities that will contribute towards the achievement of results.

Enter 3 activities per immediate outcome below.

A. Increased number of international students receiving credit or conducting research towards postgraduate degrees from Canadian universities and linking industry.

B. Enhanced leadership, professional and research skills among scholars.

C. Increased engagement between Canadian and international scholars.

D. Enhanced network of program alumni and current scholars.

E. Increased engagement and linkages with community organizations and industry by scholars.

F. Strengthened capacity of international partner organizations and industry to address their priorities.


5.3 Risk assessment: List up to 5 potential risks in implementing the project and achieving the expected results. Consider operational, financial and reputational risk with respect to the scholars, the Canadian university and the partner organization(s). List specific strategies to mitigate these risks.

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6.0 Project management

6.1 Scholar management strategy: Describe your management strategy for outgoing Canadian scholars as well as incoming LMIC scholars. Consider your selection, orientation, monitoring and ongoing support strategies for the selected recipients. Please outline how you will seek to achieve a 50% gender balance.

a) Canadian scholars (300 words):

b) LMIC scholars (300 words):

6.2 Scholar activities:

a) Skills development and training: Describe your strategy to enhance scholars’ knowledge on important research skills such as gender sensitivity/inclusiveness, analysis training, proposal development and steps to successful publications. Include your approach to disseminating research results. (300 words)

b) Leadership activities: Describe how you will strengthen scholars’ leadership skills throughout the project. Include your approach to assessing candidates’ leadership achievements prior to the QES award, describing the scientific leadership activities that will be provided by the Canadian university as well as the strategy to measure subsequent leadership outcomes. (300 words)

c) Community engagement: Describe how you will connect scholars with the local community in Canada and in the LMIC(s). Also comment upon any interaction you have had, or plan to have, with the Community Foundation in your city. (300 words)

d) Networking: Describe how you will connect current scholars and alumni. (300 words)
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7.0 Innovation: This program encourages innovative approaches. Describe the innovative elements of your project and the new initiatives that this funding would support. (300 words)

8.0 Cost effectiveness and budget: Referring to the completed budget table, explain how this proposal provides good value for money. Explain the assumptions behind both the project budget and the university/partner contributions. Additionally, please provide details of all items included in 'Other Contributions', line 99 in the budget form. (500 words)

To be considered, the following supporting documentation must also be submitted via email qes-as@univcan.ca, before the November 25 deadline:

1. The indication of university support form, signed by a senior administrator
2. The completed budget form
3. The letter(s) of support from the research placement partner(s) (if applicable)

Please ensure that all supporting documents are submitted in a single email, with the subject line: QES-AS - (name of university). Universities Canada will acknowledge receipt of all complete applications.

Should you encounter any difficulties submitting your proposal, immediately contact qes-as@univcan.ca with "technical difficulties" in the subject. We will contact you as soon as possible.