

### Objective

#### INTRODUCTION

Scholarships, to be known as Fessenden-Trott scholarships, have been established in memory of the late Professor Reginald Aubrey Fessenden and the late Helen May Fessenden (née Trott).

Professor Fessenden was born in Canada in 1866. He came to Bermuda as a young man and was Headmaster of the Whitney Institute for approximately two years. He married Helen May Trott of Bermuda in 1890. During a distinguished career in Canadian and American universities, which included appointments as Professor of Electrical Engineering at Purdue University and at Western University of Pennsylvania (now the University of Pittsburgh) Professor Fessenden became a renowned inventor of electrical and radio equipment and was a pioneer of radio broadcasting. He developed an entirely new system of wireless transmission distinct from and based on a different principle from that of Marconi and Lodge and he first tested the wireless telephone at Cobbs Island, Maryland, in 1900. Six years later he effected the first two-way trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphic service between Brant Rock, Massachusetts, and Machrihanish, Scotland. Professor Fessenden also invented the oscillator, the fathometer (also known as the sonic depth finder), the wireless compass and other submarine signaling devices. He was honoured by the Institute of Radio Engineers in 1921 and received the John Smith medal for his invention in "Continuous Wave Telegraphy and Telephony" in 1922, followed by the Scientific American Medal for his numerous inventions relating to safety at sea.

The Professor's wife, Helen May Fessenden, was a daughter of the late Thaddeus and Louisa Trott of "Rockmore", Smith's Parish, Bermuda. When the Professor's health began to fail, he and his wife returned to Bermuda and resided there from 1928 until he died in 1932. Mrs. Fessenden remained in Bermuda until she died in 1941 and the Fessenden Trust was established by her will.

**Each year, these scholarships are offered to a different region of Canada. In 2018, nominations will be accepted from universities in the Western provinces.**

### Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

- Up to four (4) scholarships will be available at the bachelor level. These scholarships are valued at \$9,000 CAD for students who have completed their **first year of their first bachelor degree program** by the deadline date of **June 15** in the year of application. Applicants who have undertaken prior post-secondary studies will not be eligible. The scholarship is tenable for up to three consecutive years or until the **first** bachelor degree is obtained.

### Eligibility

An eligible applicant must:

- Be entering the second year of their first bachelor degree on a full-time basis in September 2018.
- Have Canadian citizenship or permanent residency by June 15<sup>th</sup> in the year of application.
- Have completed the first year of their first bachelor degree program in a Canadian educational institution.
- Have attained a high academic standing as defined by the nominating institution.
- Be nominated by a Canadian educational institution where the first year of the first bachelor degree studies has been completed.

Eligible institutions:

- Canadian educational institution which have recognized provincial degree-granting powers, or their affiliates (e.g. universities).

### Field of Study / Program Requirements

- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of 3 years in duration.

### Nominations / Conditions / Restrictions

#### Nominations:

- Candidates must submit their application, supporting documents and nomination form to their nominating institution.
- Each eligible institution, or the campus within the same institution, may nominate **ONE** candidate.
- Each institution will set its own internal policies, procedures and deadlines concerning the selection of its nominee. Please contact the Awards/Financial Aid Office at your institution for more information on the institution's internal deadline for nominations and whether or not your application has been forwarded to Universities Canada for final selection.

#### Conditions / Restrictions:

- If a recipient is taking a three year degree program prior to studies for a first professional degree such as law, medicine, education, etc., the scholarship recipient may qualify for each year of the first degree plus the consecutive year towards the professional degree but only to a maximum of three consecutive academic years or the equivalent.
- Students who have previously held a Fessenden-Trott Scholarship are not eligible.

### Administrator

Scholarship Partners Canada, a division of Universities Canada, administers the scholarship program on behalf of the Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industry, communities, and institutions in other countries. Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 130 different scholarship programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit [www.univcan.ca](http://www.univcan.ca).

The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

### Selection Process

The selection of scholarship recipients is made by a committee of Canadian university and college representatives chosen by Universities Canada. The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee (sponsor) exercises no influence in the adjudication process. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic performance;
  - for co-op students, only the first two study term marks will be considered.
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities;
- Quality and relevance of the reference letters.

All applicants will receive confirmation by email of the results of the selection process, once available.

### Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their scholarship in July. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward any required documentation such as an official transcript and proof of registration from the educational institution you will be attending. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Universities Canada informed of any changes to your contact information through your online portal.

## Payment

- Scholarship payment(s) will only be issued upon completion of the scholarship acceptance process and review and acceptance of all required supporting documentation.
- Universities Canada will forward payment of the scholarship to the educational institution on behalf of The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that payment of tuition fees is made within the defined timeframe set by the educational institution regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment.
- Payment by the institution to the student will be made in accordance with the normal practice of the educational institution.

## Application Process

### Paper Application:

1. Applicants must submit their completed application, supporting documents and the nomination form to their nominating university.
2. The paper application package from the nominating institution must clearly indicate a postmark of no later than the application deadline of **JUNE 15, 2018**.
3. All supporting documentation must be received by **JUNE 15, 2018** and can be sent as described in the Supporting Documentation section.
4. It is recommended that the nominating institution sends the candidate's application package by registered mail or courier, to ensure that the package can be tracked. Your application will be acknowledged in writing once it has been received and processed by Universities Canada. To ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted, visit <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca> to review your scholarship application information. To access your account, you will require your login information, which will be provided in your acknowledgement email.
5. While paper applications will be accepted, award renewals and account maintenance will be conducted online.

## Supporting Documentation

As part of this application, the supporting documentation described below is required. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. Supporting documents must be received by Universities Canada on or before **JUNE 15, 2018**.

Documents may be sent directly to the address below.

### Letters of Reference

All letters must be dated, typewritten on letterhead, signed with an original non-electronic signature and include the reference's contact information. If possible, the person writing the letter of reference should describe their relationship to the applicant in the letter. Reference letters must be written in the year of application.

#### Letter of Reference (Academic)

One letter of reference is required to support your application and must come from an individual who is not related to the applicant. The letter must come from a past or present teacher who knows you and is familiar with your academic history.

#### Letter of Reference (Extracurricular)

One letter of reference is required to support your application and must come from an individual who is not related to the applicant. The letter must come from a person who is familiar with your volunteer, community involvement and/or extracurricular activities.

#### Volunteer/Community Involvement and/or Extracurricular Activities Essay

Please provide a 250-word essay describing your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past five years.

#### Volunteer/Community Involvement and/or Extracurricular Activities Form

Please complete the form found in the application form to demonstrate your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities.

#### Transcript

Please provide an official transcript of the first year of marks (2 terms of studies). A transcript will be only considered acceptable if it is presented on the official paper of the institution AND it bears the appropriate signature(s) and/or seal of the institution.

#### Endorsement/Nomination Form

The Endorsement/Nomination Form is to be completed by the Nominating Institution and included with your application.

## Contact Us

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**PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, your application will be considered incomplete.**