

Field of Study/Program Requirements

Research projects from all natural science subject areas will be considered provided they include a field research component conducted within the term of the award in the Canadian North.

Conditions and Restrictions

- Doctoral level applicants must be enrolled at an accredited Canadian university in a graduate program in the natural sciences. Proof of registration will be required in order for the award to be distributed.
- Applicants to the doctoral awards stream who have transferred their registration from a master's to a PhD ("fast-tracked") will be considered to have started their PhD program when they registered for their master's program.
- Past recipients of a W. Garfield Weston Award in Northern Research at the master's level are eligible to apply for an award at the doctoral level.
- Students must continue to be enrolled at the university listed on their application throughout the duration of their award. Changes to research projects or project supervisors must be pre-approved by The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) in order for the recipient to continue receiving their award.
- Research and field studies must relate to and take place in Canada's North, as defined by any region in Canada where both permafrost and ground ice are present according to the National Atlas of Canada, 5th edition (1978-1995). A map is available through Polar Knowledge Canada with a boundary line that defines these northern regions (<https://www.canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge/fundingforresearchers/maps.html>), however please note that this is merely a guideline and some flexibility will be granted for regions close to the boundary.
- While preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold another equivalent major award (e.g. NSERC CGS-D, Vanier Scholarship, etc.), this depends on the number of applicants in a given year and types of other awards held by the applicant. As such, all highly qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.
- Applications will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee. As such, technical jargon should be kept to a minimum.
- Payment will be issued in installments and is to be used as a stipend.

Administrator

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