



CNST Awards Program Application Information

CNST Program Background

The Canadian Northern Studies Trust (CNST) is the awards program of the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS). It was established in 1982 to further ACUNS mandate to advance knowledge and understanding of Canada's North by offering student awards for exceptional, northern-based research. The purpose of the CNST is to foster scholars and scientists with northern experience and at the same time enhance educational opportunities available for northern residents to obtain post secondary education at Canadian colleges and universities.

CNST Program Scholarships and Awards

For a complete listing of CNST awards visit our website at www.acuns.ca.

Ethical Principles for the Conduct of Research in the North

ACUNS and the CNST adhere to the Ethical Principles for the Conduct of Research in the North. These principles are intended to encourage the development of co-operation and mutual respect between researchers and the people of the North. They are also intended to encourage partnership between northern peoples and researchers that, in turn, will promote and enhance northern scholarship. The Ethical Principles guide appears on our website in English, French, Russian, and Inuktitut at www.acuns.ca.

CNST Program Privacy, Storage and Retention of Information Policy

All personal information collected from CNST Award applicants is used to review the applications, administer and monitor the awards, and to promote and support northern research in Canada. ACUNS routinely shares summary information related to applications and awards with ACUNS members and relevant officials at the institutions that endorse, support and administer them.

As part of the CNST Award review and adjudication process, applications are shared with a selection committee composed of individuals recruited from academic, public, and private sectors. Participants in the review and adjudication process are advised of ACUNS' expectations with regards to the confidentiality and protection of the information entrusted to them.

ACUNS routinely disseminates details of successful applications, including the name of the applicant, amount awarded, institution and department, field of research, project title, project summary, and related photos submitted by the applicant for public release. This information may also be used in ACUNS publications and on our website.

ACUNS uses information in its files and data bases to generate mailing lists in order to disseminate information to the research community.

All applications submitted to our annual award program are kept on file until after the awards are adjudicated, successful applicants are notified, and individual awards confirmed accepted. Successful applicants' personal information is kept and updated, as required, for administrative and income tax purposes for the duration of the award period, and stored for a further seven years. Unsuccessful applications for each annual round are destroyed within six months of the granting and acceptance of the awards to successful applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a CNST award you must be:

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled in full time post-secondary education at a recognized Canadian University or College
- Have an aspect of northern or circumpolar fieldwork included as part of your research that is conducted within the term of your award. (ACUNS defines "northern" Canada as *on* or *north* of the line indicated on our Northern Boundary Map. To view the map, please consult our website at: <http://acuns.ca/cnstmap.htm>)

Note: Additional, award-specific requirements are included in award guidelines

Application Instructions

Award guidelines and applications are available at www.acuns.ca
Only current application forms are accepted.
Read award guidelines and instructions carefully.
Complete application forms in 12 point font.
Use the space provided. Additional material will not be considered.
Include all required official grade transcripts.
Include all letters of reference (each in a sealed envelope signed by the referee)
Separate letters of reference are required for each award application.
Submit each CNST Award application and all required documents in a single package.

Note:

If you are applying to more than one CNST Award in one year you may submit a single set of transcripts for all applications.

Mailing Instructions & Deadline information

Applications must be received (not postmarked) in the ACUNS office by the January 29, 2010 deadline

Application materials will not be accepted by fax or email.

Mail complete packages to: **Canadian Northern Studies Trust Awards Program**
Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON
K1N 9J6

CNST Committee

Members of the CNST Committee are selected to represent a cross-section of disciplines, geographical locations, gender and official languages. Members of the CNST committee are listed on the ACUNS website.

Adjudication & Notification

Review of applications to the CNST Awards Program takes place over the spring. The final adjudication meeting takes place in May. Only winners and runners up in each award category will be notified. Information about successful recipients and their projects is posted to the ACUNS website.



NORTHERN RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Guidelines

1. The Northern Scientific Training Program of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is sponsoring four scholarships, valued at \$10,000 each, for Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada who are identified as long-term residents of Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, or the Provincial North*, and are currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral level program at a Canadian university. *A “long-term resident” is identified as a person who has resided in the north for eight years or more. ACUNS defines northern Canada as on or above the line indicated on the Northern Boundary Map on our website at <http://www.acuns.ca/cnstmap.htm>
2. Proposals are invited from candidates from all subject areas who (a) engage in research culminating in a thesis or other such document, (b) include direct northern field research in Canada or the circumpolar north (c) whose program makes a contribution to the north and (d) who demonstrate leadership in northern scholarship. Note: For projects including field research outside of Canada, the relevance and benefit of the circumpolar fieldwork to Canadian northern scholarship must be clearly indicated.
3. The research must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted in northern Canada (See Northern Boundary Map) or the circumpolar north (Finland, Greenland (Denmark), Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the USA-Alaska) between May, in the year the award is granted, and the following March.
4. The selection committee will be guided by the following considerations: academic record, the quality of the application, potential benefit of the research, letters of reference, and the applicants' leadership skills, and interest in, and commitment to northern scholarship.
5. Award recipients are identified in May. Only successful candidates will be notified. The scholarship covers an eleven month period of study. Payment will be issued in three instalments and is to be used as stipend. Proof of registration and one progress report are required.
6. This scholarship may be held concurrently with other awards and financial support, except for those offered by the CNST.
7. Applicants are asked to supply two academic letters of reference, one of which must be from the supervisor of the research project. These letters should describe the candidate's attributes which qualify him or her for the award. Reference letters should be sent in a sealed envelope with the referees' signature across the flap. Letters should be included as part of the application package. (Note: Separate letters of reference are required for each CNST Award application.)
8. Applicants must include all official university transcripts with their application. Web transcripts will not be accepted.
9. Applicants must include a copy of their research license issued by the appropriate licensing body.
10. Only current application forms (revised for 2010/2011) will be accepted. Application forms may be obtained from www.acuns.ca .
11. Please note that applications are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee; technical jargon should be kept to a minimum.

12. **The deadline for CNST Award applications is January 29, 2010. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their completed application form and all documents arrive at the ACUNS office in a single package on or before the deadline. Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted**



NORTHERN RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Application Form

Instructions – Read Carefully

1. Do not handwrite
2. Use 12 point font
3. All official transcripts must be included
4. Letters of reference must be received in a sealed envelope signed on the flap by the referee
5. Application and all documents must be received in a single package
6. Deadline for receipt of application: January 29, 2010.
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General Information

1. Name:	
Last	First
2. a) University:	
b) Program of study:	
c) Year in program:	
d) Start date of degree:	
e) Anticipated completion date for degree (year/month):	

3. Contact information (where you can be reached up to June 1st)		
Address:		
City:	Province/Territory:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:	Email:	

4. University mailing address		
Address:		
City:	Province/Territory:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:		
Email:		

Are you a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I have read and understand the CNST Program Privacy Policy in the application package. I authorize the publication of my name, photo and post-secondary institution on the ACUNS website, annual report, newsletters and other publicity materials.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signed</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>
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6. Number of years you have been a resident in the north _____years
Dates and location of northern residence _____

Permanent northern address:

7. Northern research location (include latitude and longitude):

8. Identify current progress in your program:

Course work completed? [] Yes [] No
Comprehensive exam completed? [] Yes [] No
Research Proposal Accepted? [] Yes [] No
Field Work Completed? [] Yes [] No

9. Previous Education:

University	Degree	Year	Program

10. Names and contact information for two faculty supervisors or advisors for proposed course of study. Please include email addresses.

11. Title of proposed research:

12. Description of proposed research: Indicate purpose, methods, and field sites. Outline how your project makes a contribution to the north. If you propose fieldwork in a circumpolar location, indicate benefit and relevance to Canadian northern scholarship. (250 words)

13. Describe briefly any work or experience that highlights your interest and commitment to the north (e.g. previous degree or coursework, work experience relevant to northern issues, northern field schools) AND outline any professional or extracurricular activities that demonstrate your leadership skills in northern scholarship (e.g. conferences, educational and community outreach, media, circumpolar activities).

14. Is your research part of a team project? [] yes [] no
If yes, please explain the significance and uniqueness of your contribution.

15. List recent awards or scholarships in the following table.

Federal Level (e.g. NSERC, SSHRC)	Year	Amount
Other Sources of Funding	Year	Amount

16. List academic publications and presentations in the following categories: a) refereed journals (if in press, include date of acceptance); b) papers submitted to refereed journals (include date of submission); c) refereed conference proceedings; d) non-refereed publications; and e) conference or other presentations.

17. Please explain your licensing procedure in a few sentences. Make sure to include the license number. Also, please attach a copy of your provincial/territorial research license or application and/or Ethical Review.

18. Supply two academic letters of reference, one of which must be from the supervisor of the project. Reference letters should be sent with the application form and other documents, each contained in a sealed envelope with the referee's signature across the flap.

19. Submit all official university transcripts of grades, including the most recent, with your application.

Check list

- Completed application form
- Two letters of reference
- All official transcripts of grades
- Copy of research license

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