# Atlantic Indigenous Mentorship Network – 2025/26 Kausattumi Grants Program

## Graduate Scholarship Application Form – Master’s or Post-Professional Students

Scholarships of **$10,000** are available for **Indigenous graduate students** entering or enrolled in a Master’s degree, Post-Professional, or equivalent program involving community-informed and supported health research that serves to benefit Indigenous communities in Atlantic Canada. By community-informed and supported health research, we are referring to research that responds to a community-identified need and is supported by an Indigenous community, Nation, or organization.

The funding is provided for a one-year period: September to August (2025-2026). The amount of the scholarship will be pro-rated in the case of part-time enrolment status and/or expected date of completion for current program of study. For example, a student enrolled in a Master’s or Post-Professional program on a part-time basis will be eligible to receive a scholarship award of $5,000.

### Application Instructions

Please complete this application and submit via email to [info@atlantic-imn.ca](mailto:william.johnson@dal.ca) (2cm margins and 12-point font) by Friday **June 6th, 2025 at 5pm ATL**. The Atlantic-IMN recommends consulting with your supervisor to complete this application.

### Application Checklist

Application form

Transcript (unofficial accepted)

Verification/confirmation of enrolment form

Curriculum Vitae

Letter of academic support

Letter of community or organizational support

### Funding Conditions

* **Funding caps** - A student’s total funding from all funding sources may not exceed the annual cap established by their institution. It is the responsibility of the student to notify their institution of all funding received and confirm whether they can accept the Atlantic-IMN award.
* **Funding caps** – A student who holds an Atlantic-IMN award may not be eligible to hold additional fellowships, depending on the awards/fellowships involved. Students considering applying for additional funding to be held concurrently with Atlantic-IMN funding should check the award’s policies to see if such an arrangement is permitted. For example, some external scholarships will reduce the amount of the funding they give a student if the student is awarded other funding.
* **Changes in degree progress** - The student agrees to inform the Atlantic-IMN if they experience a change in enrolment status and delay or interruption in their academic studies or training during the academic year (2025/2026).
* **Employment** –A student cannot accept this award if employed in a full-time tenure-track position at an academic institution.

### Application Form

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| **Applicant Information** | |
| Name and preferred pronouns: | Email: |
| Mailing address: | Telephone: |
| Institution: | Program/Degree: |
| Year of study: | Indigenous identity (e.g., Mi’kmaq): |
| How did you hear about this funding opportunity? | |
| **Academic Supervisor Information** | |
| Name: | Email: |
| Mailing address: | Telephone: |
| Institution: |
| Faculty/Department: | Position: |
| **Second Academic Supervisor Information (if applicable)** | |
| Name: | Email: |
| Mailing address: | Telephone: |
| Institution: |
| Faculty/Department: | Position: |
| **Community-based Advisor (if applicable)** | |
| Name: | Email: |
| Mailing address: | Telephone: |
| Organization/Institution: | Position: |
| Are you interested/in need of mentorship in the area of community-engaged research?  Yes  No | |
| **Research Information**  Title of health research project: | |
| 1. *Briefly describe your research in plain language (maximum 250 words):* | |
| 1. *Describe your research plan in detail (maximum 1500 words), including:* 2. *The purpose of your research* 3. *The objectives of your research* 4. *Research setting and context* 5. *Your relationship to the proposed or in progress research* 6. *Your methodology and research methods* 7. *Your knowledge translation plans (e.g., conferences, peer-reviewed articles, community reports and sharing sessions). For resources on knowledge translation, visit* [*our website*](https://www.atlantic-imn.ca/copy-of-opportunities)*.* 8. *Your timeline for the 2025-2026 academic year* | |
| 1. *Describe the ways the research responds to community or organizational needs and the anticipated outcomes of the research (maximum 1000 words):* | |
| 1. *Describe whether and how you plan to maintain or re-connect to your Indigenous community (or Indigenous communities more broadly) through your research (maximum 250 words):* | |
| 1. *Describe your: a) Personal goals; b) Professional goals; and c) Academic goals (maximum 500 words):* | |
| **Funding from Other Sources** | |
| Have you applied for graduate funding from other sources? Yes  No  If yes, please complete the following table:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Funding opportunity  *For each funding opportunity applied to, please identify the name of the competition below.* | Amount  *Please note the value of the opportunity.* | Status of the submission  *Please check the applicable box.* | |  |  | Under review  Successful | |  |  | Under review  Successful | |  |  | Under review  Successful | |  |  | Under review  Successful | |  |  | Under review  Successful | | |
| **References** (literature cited in the application; no maximum): | |

### Additional Application Materials

The following should be submitted alongside the completed application form via email to the Atlantic-IMN Coordinator ([info@atlantic-imn.ca](mailto:william.johnson@dal.ca) with the applicant’s last name and type of application in the subject line and application file name (e.g., LastName\_Master’s/Post-Professional\_Scholarship):

* Transcript (unofficial accepted)
* Verification/confirmation of enrolment form: Verification/confirmation of enrolment forms are not required by the submission of the application but should be sent to the Atlantic-IMN Coordinator as soon as possible.
* Curriculum Vitae: The use of the Canadian Common CV is optional.

Letters of support are to be sent directly from your academic supervisor and community/organization-based advisor(s) to [info@atlantic-imn.ca](mailto:william.johnson@dal.ca) by Friday June 6th, 2025 at 5pm ATL.

* Letter of academic support: Statement from your supervisor demonstrating their support and guidance of the work as well as resources available to you.
* Letter of community/organizational support: Statement demonstrating support, guidance, and relevance of the work.

### Expectations of Successful Applicants

* Successful applicants must confirm acceptance of the scholarship within one week of receiving notice.
* Scholarship holders will need to complete the required forms of Dalhousie University and their home institution (if not Dalhousie) to receive funds.
* Scholarships will be reported on T4As. As needed, funds from Dalhousie will be transferred to the successful applicant’s home institution via their academic supervisor. The scholarship will then be awarded to the successful applicant in adherence to their home institution’s policies.
* For research involving humans, animals, or biohazardous materials, supervisors are responsible for ensuring that the student has obtained research ethics approval – both from the relevant post-secondary institution’s research ethics boards and community-level ethics boards (e.g., Mi’kmaw Ethics Watch) as well as for ensuring that students receive appropriate training and supervision to comply with the approved research protocol.
* Scholarship holders will become a part of the Atlantic-IMN and be invited to participate in additional mentorship activities.

### Scholarship holders agree to:

* Have a summary of their research activities posted on the Atlantic-IMN website and will participate in editing any summary.
* Participate in evaluative activities of the Kausattumi Grants Program.
* Acknowledge the Atlantic-IMN in project-related outputs, including but not limited to: publications, presentations, and creative outputs. For example, “[Your name] is supported by an Atlantic Indigenous Mentorship Network Scholarship.”
* Submit a summary report (maximum 4 pages) within two months of the end of the one-year term of funding. The report will describe the research undertaken throughout the degree program, outcomes, knowledge-sharing activities, and a list of complete and forthcoming project deliverables (e.g., theses, peer-reviewed publications, community reports, etc.)

### Signature

All details in this application are true and are as accurate as possible. I accept the terms and conditions applied to any award received through this application.

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| Applicant name: |
| Signature: |
| Date: |