

MACKENZIE KING SCHOLARSHIPS — INFORMATION SHEET

The Mackenzie King Scholarships were established as an independent trust under the will of the late Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King (1874-1950). The trust is administered by a Board of Scholarship Trustees that consists at present (2007) of Dr. John M. Anderson of St. Andrews, N.B. (chair), Dr. David W. Strangway of Vancouver; Prof. Joost Blom of Vancouver; and Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, of Fredericton, N.B. (trustee-designate).

Description and eligibility criteria

The **Mackenzie King Open Scholarship** is open to graduates of any Canadian university who engage in (commence or continue) graduate study in any field, in Canada or elsewhere. One open Scholarship is awarded annually. Its value has lately been \$10,000 but is subject to change.

The **Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship** is open to graduates of any Canadian university who engage in (commence or continue) graduate study, in the United States or the United Kingdom, of international relations or industrial relations (including the international or industrial relations aspects of law, history, politics and economics). Mr. King expressed the hope in his will that this scholarship would “afford to Canadian students in the future opportunities to broaden their outlook and sympathies and contribute in some measure to that understanding of the problems and policies of other countries which is the basis of international good will”. Four Travelling Scholarships of \$11,000 have lately been awarded annually, but the number and value of scholarships are subject to change.

Selection criteria

The awards will be based on high academic achievements (all A's or very nearly so), personal qualities and demonstrated aptitudes. Consideration will also be given to the applicant's proposed program of study. The awards will be made by, and at the sole discretion of, the Board of Scholarship Trustees.

Applications

Applications must be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your “**home**” university. This is the Canadian university from which you most recently graduated or at which you are currently enrolled. You must be a *graduate* of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins. If your home university has no Faculty of Graduate Studies, please submit your application to the Awards Office at that university. You may apply for both scholarships with a single application if the eligibility criteria are met for both. A complete application consists of the following, each of which should be sent directly to the “Mackenzie King Scholarships Competition” c/o the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your home university:

1. The completed and signed application form (including attached sheets A and B as described on that form).
2. Three letters of reference from persons who have an intimate knowledge of your record and ability and are able to give a critical evaluation of your plans for postgraduate study. At least two of these testimonials must be from persons under whom you have taken your major work at university, or from senior colleagues with whom you have been associated in academic teaching or research.
3. Certified copies of official transcripts of marks and other academic records from each university you have attended. If a transcript is not available, you may substitute a certified statement by the Registrar or the Faculty concerned.

All these items must be received by your home university by February 1. Please note that applications sent directly to the Board will not be considered.

All documents will be regarded as confidential and will be retained by the Board of Scholarship Trustees. The Board assumes no responsibility for missing documentation. The Board reserves the right to require a candidate to furnish additional information or references.

Selection of successful candidates and payment of scholarships

Your home university will forward to the Board of Scholarship Trustees a short-list of its recommended candidates together with their applications, and will advise all of its applicants of the outcome of this internal competition.

Decisions in the national competition are usually announced by the end of May. The results will include a list of alternative recipients for the event that a scholarship is declined by a candidate to whom it is offered. Alternative recipients will be notified if they are placed on the list.

A candidate may not hold a Mackenzie King Scholarship at the same time as other scholarships without the written approval of the Board of Scholarship Trustees. This approval is usually given provided that the candidate's total scholarship support, including the Mackenzie King Scholarship, does not exceed a maximum amount defined by the Board. Lately the maximum amount has been the candidate's expected tuition fees plus C\$15,000, but it is subject to change.

Acceptance of the scholarship implies an obligation on the part of the recipient to devote her- or himself fully to the program of study outlined in the application. Any proposed change of plan must be submitted to the Board for approval.

Each scholarship will normally be paid in two instalments. The first, amounting to 60% of the award, will be paid shortly before the holder commences his or her postgraduate studies. Payment of the first instalment is conditional upon receipt of satisfactory evidence that the candidate has been admitted into the graduate program in respect of which the scholarship application was submitted. The second instalment is paid at the halfway point of the period of tenure of the scholarship. Payment of the second instalment is conditional upon the Board's receiving satisfactory mid-tenure reports both from the holder and from the principal supervisor of her or his studies. Holders are also asked to submit a final report at the end of their tenure of the scholarship.

Correspondence

All applications and correspondence about pending applications must be sent to your home university as indicated above. Successful candidates' correspondence about their awards, including their mid-tenure and final reports, should be sent to the address that will be indicated to them.

All other correspondence with the Board should be sent to:

Mackenzie King Scholarships
c/o J. Blom
Curtis Building, 1822 East Mall
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1

MACKENZIE KING SCHOLARSHIPS — APPLICATION FORM

| Application for (check): <input type="checkbox"/> Open Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Travelling Scholarship <i>You may apply for both, but please note that the Travelling Scholarship is only tenable for graduate study in the fields of international relations or industrial relations at a university in the U.K. or the U.S.A. See information sheet for further details.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Ms./Mr. (surname, given names): _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current mailing address: _____ _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Permanent mailing address (if different): _____ _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> permanent resident <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Knowledge of language, other than English: <i>I read:</i> _____ <i>I speak:</i> _____ <i>I write:</i> _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Supplementary information on academic achievements and experience (<i>please attach as sheet A</i>): <i>On an attached sheet, please indicate (1) any undergraduate and graduate awards you have received (please give the name, the year(s) of tenure and the annual value), (2) any work experience (professional, business) related to your field of study, and (3) your publications relevant to your field of study.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Postgraduate studies towards which Mackenzie King Scholarship is to be applied: <i>Proposed university(ies):</i> _____ <i>Have you applied to this (these) university(ies)?</i> _____ <i>Have you already been accepted?</i> _____ <i>Proposed field of study:</i> _____ _____ <i>Degree to be obtained:</i> _____ <i>Expected year of graduation:</i> _____ <i>Date tenure to begin, if granted Mackenzie King Scholarship:</i> _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Names and addresses of those you have asked to write letters of reference: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal statement (<i>please attach as sheet B</i>): <i>On an attached sheet, please describe your academic interests, extracurricular activities, and the program of studies you intend to pursue, and outline your plans for a career. Your statement must be readily understandable by someone outside your discipline, and must be complete in 600 words.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| X Signature of applicant: _____ | | Date: _____ | | | | | | | | | |

***Note:** This application (including sheets A and B mentioned above), the three letters of reference and all academic transcripts must be received by February 1 in the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your “home” university (the Canadian university from which you received your most recent degree or where you are currently enrolled—see information sheet). All envelopes should be marked “Mackenzie King Scholarships Competition”.*