

## Queen Elizabeth Scholarships (Planetary Health) —International Students Application Guidelines 2019

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2012, Canada celebrated the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. Support was rallied from government and the private and public sectors to fund an inspiring new scholarship initiative in her honour: the *Canadian Queen Elizabeth Scholarships* program.

This program represents a unique opportunity for Canadian students and Canadian universities. The goal of our program is to develop global citizens ready to work on the challenges of deteriorating planetary health through enriched academic, professional, and cross-cultural experiences.

Students selected for the scholarship program will be named “Queen Elizabeth Scholars” (QES) and will engage with communities across the Commonwealth, learn about cultures and create projects and actions that impact the world. They will build lasting relationships among their peers and with the communities that they serve and achieve personal and professional growth. Through the global community of Queen Elizabeth Scholars, they will share knowledge, exchange ideas, and collaborate on meaningful initiatives.

Queen Elizabeth Scholars will become the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, inventors and leaders. Through this unique international exchange of talent, students will enrich their communities and discover that anything is possible.

### PROGRAM CONTEXT

1. Queen Elizabeth Scholars must complete a minimum of 90-day practicum (excluding travel days as well as orientation days) in Canada conducting research related to their degree program. Their research must be relevant to One Health/Planetary Health.
2. Queen Elizabeth Scholars will receive \$7,500 for tuition, visa, travel and living expenses in Canada for their practicum.

\* Student **must** stay in Canada for a minimum of 90 days. If the student does not complete 90 days, all of the funds must be returned to University of Saskatchewan.

### APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Open to graduate students from partner institutions in eligible African countries. To find out the eligibility, please contact [jun.li@usask.ca](mailto:jun.li@usask.ca).
- Must participate in a minimum of 90-day practicum (excluding travel days as well as orientation days) in Canada conducting research related to the degree program that relates to One Health/Planetary Health.

- Must have achieved a minimum average of 78% in last 24 months of full time education
- Must have citizenship from a partnering commonwealth or lower-middle income (LMI) country
- Must be proficient in English
- Must be age 35 years or under at the time of application
- Must be able to travel internationally

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit complete application package:
  - i. Unofficial academic transcripts from your postsecondary education at the time of application. Official transcripts may be required if accepted.
  - ii. Letter of support from the student's current research supervisor, stating how the QES program will benefit the student, improve and fit with their graduate research, and how the student's research aligns with Planetary Health and the QES program.
  - iii. One-page (max.) statement of interest including personal goals and rationale for being part of the QES program
  - iv. Signed QES Community Engagement Form confirming the commitment to participating in all QES program activities
2. Short listed candidates will be interviewed

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE until the spots are filled

Please submit your electronic applications in PDF format with the subject line "QES International Student Application—[your first name and last name, country you are from]" by the deadline. For example, "QES International Student Application—Juden Lindt, Kenya" If you have questions, please contact Jun Li, Academic Programs Specialist of School of Environment and Sustainability at [jun.li@usask.ca](mailto:jun.li@usask.ca).

Please visit [here](#) for updated information.

**Queen Elizabeth Scholarship—International Students Application Form****Student Passport Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Institution/Country:** \_\_\_\_\_**College or School/Major:** \_\_\_\_\_**Level of Study/Year of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_**Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_**Research Interest in QES:** (please use key words only) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Preferred Participation Period: (Please check all that apply)**

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- January-April
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- May-August
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- September-December

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_**The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for the award:**

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- Plan to participate in the QES program which is a minimum of 90-day practicum (excluding travel days as well as orientation days) in Canada on research topics related to the degree program relevant to One Health/Planetary Health.
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- Interested in conducting research in Canada
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- Maintained a minimum average of 78% in last 24 months of full time education
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- Have citizenship from a partnering commonwealth or LMI country
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- Proficient in English
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- Able to travel internationally
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- Age 35 years or under at the time of application

**Please complete the following checklist and attached the corresponding documents:** **Statement of Interest**

Please provide a one-page of your interest in becoming a Queen Elizabeth Scholar as well as your goals and objectives for the program (Single-spaced, Minimum 12-pt Times New Roman font, passport name in the page header).

 **Letters of Support**

Please provide a Letter of Support from your current research supervisor, stating how the QES program will benefit you, improve and fit with your graduate research, and how your research aligns with Planetary Health and the QES program.

 **Academic transcript from the postsecondary education**

Please provide your unofficial academic transcripts at the time of application. Official transcripts may be required if accepted.

 **Signed QES community engagement form**

Please complete and sign below QES Community Engagement Form.



**QES Community Engagement Form**

In the event I am offered a Queen Elizabeth Scholarship, I agree to participate in all community engagement activities.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit the complete application forms with attachments in PDF format with the subject line “QES International Student Application—[your first name and last name, country you are from]” to Jun Li at [jun.li@usask.ca](mailto:jun.li@usask.ca) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**