Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation Scholarships at Acadia University

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: High School students enrolling in a Bachelor's program through which the environment and sustainability issues are topics of study.

Value: Total of $80,000 ($20,000/year)

The Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation undergraduate scholarships in environmental study at Acadia University provide financial assistance as well as mentorship and research project opportunities to undergraduates pursuing their post-secondary education in areas of environmental studies. This includes Environmental & Sustainability Studies, Environmental Geoscience, Environmental Science, Biology, Community Development, Politics, Philosophy, Business, Chemistry, Engineering and Psychology. The scholarship program will maximize the recipients' learning experience at Acadia, promoting a well-rounded educational experience within the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens.

The criteria noted below relates to the 2027/2028 academic year and may be subject to change in future years. Applications must be received by March 1, 2027.

Entry Criteria:

- Secondary school graduation with strong academic credential, presenting a minimum cumulative average of 90%;
- Demonstrated passion for the environment;
- A history of leadership, community service and extracurricular activities;
- Selected candidates must be enrolled in a Bachelor's program at Acadia University.

How to Apply:

Each candidate is expected to submit:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- 500-word essay. The essay provides an opportunity to describe both the applicant's interest in environmental study and the value environmental study has in making a significant difference to the world. Selected candidates will be interviewed by a review panel that will include Acadia University President, Jeff Hennessy; Mark Mallory, Professor of Biology and Director of Research at the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre; Adele Bunbury-Blanchette, Interim Coordinator of the Irving Scholar Program, and The Trustees of the Arthur Irving Foundation.

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Applications for scholarship consideration should be addressed to: The Trustees of the Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation and Acadia University c/o Dr. Mark Mallory. Documents should be submitted via email to adele.bunbury-blanchette@acadiau.ca.

Renewal Criteria:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 for the first year of study and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.67 for the remaining years of study;
- Demonstrated strong awareness of environmental issues and leadership in this area;
- A high standard of work ethic, behaviour, values and ethics;
- After year 1, active mentorship to more junior Arthur Irving scholars, including guidance and knowledge transfer in the areas of research, academia, community and extracurricular activities;
- After year 2, environment-related or research-oriented summer employment, and/or participation in research-oriented courses such as BIOL3413, or ENVS4013, and/or Honours Thesis research in respect of environmental studies (research activities are expected to make significant use of the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens when possible). Students in faculties and departments for which the aforementioned courses/research activities do not apply are expected to participate in or help to develop work/projects at the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens or the Woodland Trails;
- Each Arthur Irving Scholar is expected to maintain a full course load each semester of their undergraduate, defined as 15 credit hours (for a total of 30 credit hours per academic year);
- Supporting the above, each renewing Arthur Irving Scholar will be asked to submit, annually, a letter to the Trustees of the Arthur Irving Academy and Acadia University, outlining individual advancement in the areas of research, academia, community, mentoring and extracurricular activities;
- Each Arthur Irving Scholar is expected to be endorsed annually by the Director of Research of the K.C. Irving Environmental Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens. This endorsement will be based on the factors noted above;
- An Arthur Irving Scholar who loses their scholarship in any year is eligible for reinstatement in subsequent years once compliance with the renewal criteria has been re-established.

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