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and Funding Opportunities

A list of scholarships, awards and bursaries

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This is an alphabetic list of scholarships, awards and bursaries compiled and edited by a member of the Ontario Library Association’s Cultural Diversity & Inclusion Task Group.

This guide will be useful to candidates of various cultural backgrounds who need financial assistance to support their journey to accreditation in Library and Information Sciences in the province of Ontario.
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ALA SPECTRUM SCHOLARSHIP

http://www.ala.org/advocacy/spectrum

The Spectrum Scholarship Program actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA. Annually provides up to 60 students from racial and ethnic underrepresented groups with a $5,000 tuition scholarship and $1,500 in professional development funds as they pursue a master's degree in library and information science.

THE ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES (ARL)

http://www.arl.org/

Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce (IRDW), a program designed to recruit master of library and information science (MLIS) students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic and racial minority groups into careers in research libraries and archives. The IRDW includes:

- A stipend of up to $10,000 over two years in support of MLIS education
- Leadership and career development training
- A site visit to an ARL member library
- Financial support for skills development
- A formal mentorship program

Successful applicants will meet the following criteria:

- Identify as an underrepresented racial or ethnic minority, based on the categories outlined by the US Census Bureau or Statistics Canada as well as Native, Aboriginal, and Indigenous classifications
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada
- Be accepted into an ALA-accredited MLIS program
- Have a strong interest in pursuing a career in a research library or archive.
CALL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND GRANT
http://www.callacbd.ca/Awards

The Education Reserve Fund awards money to Canadian Association of Law Librarians members to further their education in pursuits that do not fit the guidelines of already established scholarships. These activities should be relevant to the applicant's career in law libraries and/or contribute to the development of law libraries or law librarianship.

CANADIAN LAW LIBRARY REVIEW FEATURED ARTICLE AWARD
http://www.callacbd.ca/Awards

The CALL/ACBD award of $500 may be given annually to the author of a feature length article published in Canadian Law Library Review / Revue canadienne des bibliothèques de droit.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AWARDS
http://www.fcfdu.org/fellowshipsawards/listoffellowshipsandawards.aspx

Eligibility for these fellowships and awards is restricted to women who are Canadian Citizens.
CFUW DR. ALICE E. WILSON AWARDS (6 @ $5,000 each) Total Value: $30,000
Three (2) awards at the masters level and two (2) for doctoral level study.
Dr. Alice E. Wilson (1881-1964), CFUW member, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the first woman to hold a professional position at the Geological Survey of Canada won the 1926 CFUW Travelling Fellowship. Awarded to mature students returning to graduate studies in any field after at least three years.

CFUW 1989 ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE COMMEMORATIVE AWARDS (4)
Total Value: $24,000
Two (2) award of $7,000 for doctoral level study and two (2) award of $5,000 for masters study. Commemorates the fourteen women students murdered at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. For graduate studies in any field. The applicant must justify the relevance of her work to women.

CFUW LINDA SOUTER HUMANITIES AWARD (2 @ $6,000) Total Value: $12,000
Inaugurated in 2015, the award is named to honour Linda Souter, the only Canadian member of CFUW that has served both as President of CFUW and Graduate Women International (formerly known as International Federation of University Women, IFUW). Awarded to a masters or doctoral student studying in the area of the Humanities. Generally, study in the Humanities is theoretical and does not involve empirical methodology. The Humanities could include the following: English Language and Literature, History, Languages Study, Classics, Philosophy, Film Studies, Communication Studies, and Culture Studies.

CFUW BOURSE GEORGETTE LEMOYNE AWARD (2 @ $5,000) Total Value: $10,000
Georgette LeMoyne (1884-1975), was one of the first women to receive a university degree in French Canada. She devoted her life to the promotion of education and employment for women. It is for graduate study in any field at a
Canadian university. The candidate must be studying in French and write the Statement of Intent (Section I) of the application in French.


Canadian Asian Studies Association (CASA) Doctoral candidates who are non-Republic Of China citizens and who are enrolled in an accredited university in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, or South America may apply for financial support for writing dissertations in the field of Chinese Studies in the humanities and social sciences. Citizens of the Republic Of China should apply for Dissertation Fellowships for Republic Of China Students Abroad.

CNST STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

The Canadian Northern Studies Trust (CNST) is the student awards program of the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS). It offers student awards for exceptional northern based research. The research must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted between May (in the year the award is granted) and the following March. One scholarship of $10,000 is available to students who are citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.

D:

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL -WORLD FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN
[https://mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students/dkg](https://mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students/dkg)

Annual awards of up to thirty (30) $4,000 (U.S.) international scholarships to members for study at the master’s degree and $10,000 (U.S.) for work at the doctorate level.

DIANA M. PRIESTLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
[http://www.callacbd.ca/Awards](http://www.callacbd.ca/Awards)
Established in honour of the late Diana M. Priestly, a distinguished Canadian law librarian, and in recognition of her distinctive contribution to Law Librarianship, the Scholarship is intended to support professional development in the field and is awarded to a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.

DR. JIM MCDONALD SCHOLARSHIP FOR NORTHERN RESEARCH
http://acuns.ca/awards-and-scholarships/cnst-awards/
The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Research (ACUNS), with the support of the family of the late Dr. Jim McDonald, is sponsoring one scholarship valued at $5,000 for Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada currently enrolled in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities as these pertain to Canada’s north and its inhabitants. Community-based research, interdisciplinary research and local Aboriginal collaboration will be given special consideration, as will those that can demonstrate a specific focus to their project. A northern fieldwork component must be included in your research that is conducted between May (in the year you receive your award) and the following March.

E:

E. J. JOSEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
https://www.bcala.org/bcala-awards/e-j-josey-scholarship-award/
The E. J. Josey Scholarships are grants of $2,000 awarded annually to African American students enrolled in or accepted by ALA accredited programs. Persons wishing to apply must be an African American citizen of the United States or Canada enrolled or accepted by an ALA-accredited graduate program leading to a degree in library and information science at the time of application.

E. STANLEY AND NADINE M. BEACOCK BURSARY
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/minutes/2001/scholjun.html
Available to full-time mature students registered in The Graduate Program in Library & Information Science at The University of Western Ontario. Applicants for the bursary must have been in the workforce a minimum of three years and be in need of financial assistance. These bursaries were established by E. Stanley and Nadine M. Beacock through Foundation Western.
ETFO (ELEMENTARY TEACHERS FEDERATION OF ONTARIO)
Offered to active ETFO members to study at the doctoral level at a publicly funded university/institution. One award of $2,500 and a certificate of recognition may be granted. Offered to active ETFO members to study at the master’s level at a publicly funded university/institution. Up to four awards of $1,250 and a certificate of recognition may be granted.

EVERY WOMAN CAN: THE MARIA ERIKSEN MEMORIAL BURSARY
http://calgaryfoundation.org/grants-awards/unique-awards
For immigrant women residing in Alberta, attending school in order to return to their pre-immigration field of work. Applicants demonstrate financial need and are currently enrolled in a recognized educational institution. Three bursaries at $2,000 each applied directly to tuition.

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F:
THE FRIENDS OF THE MISSISSAUGA LIBRARY SYSTEM
http://folmississauga.ca/?p=97
The Jim Wilde Library Education Award. This award is intended for residents of the City of Mississauga who are entering their full time first year in a university program in library and information science, a library and information technician program at a community college, or an online library technician program. There are two awards – one for $2,000 and the second for $1,000.

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G:
GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD OF MERIT
http://www.swaac.ca/Grad_Award.htm
At least three awards, each in the amount of $3,500, will be awarded annually to the women graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the
university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records. Women registered in Master's or PhD programs at any Member Institution of Universities Canada within a designated region are eligible to be nominated.

I:
IRDC RESEARCH AWARD
https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding/idrc-research-awards-2020
IDRC offers these research awards annually to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries pursuing master's or doctoral studies at a recognized university or having completed a master’s or doctoral program at a recognized university. The program is aimed at candidates who, through demonstrated achievements in academic studies, work, or research, have shown interest in creating and using knowledge from an international perspective.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM
https://www.uwo.ca/international/iesc/student_life/money_and_taxes/financial_assistance/index.html

J:
JAMES D. LANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
http://www.callacbd.ca/resources/Documents/Awards/james%20lang1.pdf
Designed to support attendance at a continuing education program, be it a workshop, certificate program, or other similar activity.

JANINE MILLER FELLOWSHIP
Designed to provide funding for attendance at the Law via the Internet Conference in Newark, New Jersey on October 19-21, 2017. Expenses up to $2,500 will be covered.
K:

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA FOUNDATION OF CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
https://www.kappakappagamma.org/Kappa/Foundation/Scholarship_Application_Process/

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada offers scholarships to Canadian women who are pursuing a Ph.D. degree. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen, and the applicant's Ph.D. studies must be in progress. Applicants do not have to be members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada to apply. Only initiated members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity are eligible.

L:

LEGACY FUND FOR YOUTH FROM CARE
http://calgaryfoundation.org/grants-awards/unique-awards

For individuals who have been under permanent guardianship with Calgary Rocky View Child & Family Services at the time they turned 18 years of age. At the time of application must be over 18 years and under the age of 31. (Priority is given to individuals over the age of 20 for whom an Extension of Care and Maintenance is not an option). Students must meet entry requirements for post-secondary program. Selection is based upon: financial need, future aspirations, demonstrated commitment to follow through. Number and value of bursaries varies.

LIBYAN-NORTH AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
http://cbie.ca/what-we-do/scholarship-management/

Scholarships for over 4,000 Libyan students pursuing graduate academic studies in Canada and the United States.

LORAN SCHOLARS FOUNDATION http://www.loranscholar.ca/
In partnership with universities, donors and volunteers across the country, we’re investing in the future of Canada. We offer the country’s largest and most comprehensive four-year undergraduate award (valued at $100,000) to young Canadians on the basis of character, service and the promise of leadership.
M:
THE MACKENZIE KING SCHOLARSHIPS
http://www.mkingscholarships.ca/index-e.html

The Mackenzie King Scholarships were established as an independent trust under the will of the late Rt. Hon. William Mackenzie King (1874-1950). Two classes of Mackenzie King Scholarship are available to graduates of Canadian universities: the Open Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship. Both are to support graduate study.

THE MENSA CANADA SCHOLARSHIP
http://www.mensacanada.ca/

The Mensa Canada Scholarship Programme offers a number of different scholarships. The awards range from $2000 - $3000. Applicants are invited to write a short essay in which detail their career plan, list their accomplishments to date, and describe what they plan to do order to achieve their future career goals.

THE MINORITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD
https://www.aallnet.org/community/recognition/awards-program/minority-leadership-development-award/

The Minority Leadership Development Award was created in 2001 to nurture leaders for the future and to introduce minority law librarians to leadership opportunities within the Association. The Award shall consist of the following benefits: travel, lodging and registration expenses for one recipient to attend the Annual Meeting of American Association of Law Librarians (AALL); an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor for at least one year; and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the award.
O:

OPTIMIST CLUB WILLIAM J. CUMMER SCHOLARSHIP
https://calgaryfoundation.org/grantsawards-loans/advice-for-students/undergraduate-graduate-students/
For Alberta residents and Canadian citizens entering their final year of study in a certificate, degree or diploma program, demonstrating volunteerism, service to youth, and leadership. Students must be in need of financial support and have good academic standing. One award at approximately $2,500.

ONTARIO ENGLISH CATHOLIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
http://www.catholicteachers.ca/For-Your-Benefit/Scholarships-Fellowships-and-Bursaries/Scholarships
Three memorial scholarships awarded annually to full time or part time post-graduate students who are members of the association.

THE OLA DR. JANETTE BAKER SCHOLARSHIP
Candidates must have worked in Ontario outside the field of education for a minimum of three years prior to application. Candidates must be enrolling in a full-time library program in an Ontario university or college to which the award may be paid. Award Amount: $2000-$5000

ONTARIO TRILLIUM SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL PHD APPLICANTS
http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/student_finances/ots.html
The Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS) program is an important initiative to attract top international students to Ontario for PhD studies. Students interested in the Ontario Trillium Scholarships are encouraged to express their interest in the competition to the graduate program chair when applying for admission to Western University. A qualified international applicant must be nominated for the scholarship by the Graduate Chair of the admitting program.
P:

THE PAT CLIFFORD AWARD
https://www.edcan.ca/awards/the-pat-clifford-award/
The Pat Clifford Award for Early Career Research in Education awards research that contributes to the transformation of education in Canada. Applicants must be in the process of completing a Masters or PhD OR have completed a Masters or PhD in the last 2 years (from date of convocation). Applicants may be from faculties of education or other related disciplines, school boards, provincial or territorial departments of education, educational or other organizations, or research consultants. Applicants can either nominate themselves or be nominated by another person.

THE PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU FOUNDATION DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS
The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation doctoral scholarships in the humanities and social sciences are the only one of its scope and stature in the country. Each year, the Foundation awards up to fifteen scholarships to Canadian and foreign doctoral candidates pursuing research related to one of its four founding themes. Trudeau scholars are outstanding students who are interested in growing in a multidisciplinary learning environment and in addressing important questions for Canada and the world.

R:

RAY RYAN STATISTICS CANADA PRIZE FOR CURRICULUM STUDIES
http://sceo.archives.math.ca/liaison/cacs-acec-eng.htm
In conjunction with the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies (CACS), the Ray Ryan Statistics Canada Prize for Curriculum Studies is awarded to a postsecondary student who completes a project involving the application of the Statistics Canada web-site, http://www.statcan.gc.ca, the E-STAT package, or other Statistics Canada products. This award recognizes and promotes excellence in curriculum development and research and encourages development, use and enhancement of Statistics Canada products. Winners of this award will receive a $500 cash prize.
SCHOLARSHIPS (OGS)
https://cou.ca/resources/graduate-studies/
Each university awards these scholarships individually and sets their own deadlines. Applicants must apply for an Ontario Graduate Scholarship to each of the universities they are interested in attending.

SENIOR WOMEN ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS OF CANADA
http://www.swaac.ca/graduate-student-award-of-merit.html
At least three awards, each in the amount of $3000, will be awarded annually to the women graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records.

SHELAGH MIKULAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN LIBRARY SCIENCE
https://calgaryfoundation.org/grantsawards-loans/advice-for-students/undergraduate-graduate-students/
Applicants must be enrolled in a Library Technician program, Certificate Program, Undergraduate or Graduate degree with a demonstrated passion for the library sciences field. In any year of study at a Canadian post-secondary. Able to demonstrate financial need. One or more awards at a minimum $1,000.

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (SSHRC)
MASTER’S AND PH. D SCHOLARSHIP
This national award is based on academic excellence and research potential. Students studying full-time, conducting research and who have an "A" (80%) average, as calculated by the School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies, are eligible to apply. This competition is not open to International Students. PhD candidates will receive $20,000 per year for 1, 2 or 3 years. Master’s candidates receive $17,500 for 1 year or $35,000 for 2 years.
THE SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/  
The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada annually offers several $7,500 grants to female graduate students in Canada to assist them with university studies which will qualify them for careers which will improve the quality of women's lives. Examples include but are not limited to: providing services, providing legal counselling and assistance, counselling mature women entering or re-entering the labour market, counselling women in crisis, counselling and training women for non-traditional employment, and positions in women's centres.

T:  
TD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
Twenty TD Scholarships for Community Leadership are awarded to students in their last year of high school (outside Quebec) or CEGEP (in Quebec) who have demonstrated leadership in improving their community. Each scholarship has a value of up to $70,000 and includes: Up to $10,000 for tuition per year (for up to a maximum of four years) $7,500 a year for living expenses (for up to a maximum of four years)

TOEFL GRANTS AND AWARDS http://www.ets.org/toefl/grants  
ETS and the TOEFL® Board sponsor ten TOEFL grants and awards each year for work in: Foreign or second language research, teaching or assessment or International higher education.

U:  
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
https://www.usm.edu/library-information-science/student-resources-0.php  
This scholarship shall be awarded to a graduate student with financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA in the School of Library and Information Science. The student must have completed a minimum of 9 credit hours of graduate work in the School of Library and Information Science at Southern Miss. The recipient does not have to be a resident of the state of Mississippi.
V:
VANIER MEDAL  http://www.ipac.ca/Vanier-Home
The IPAC annually awards the Vanier Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada as a mark of distinction and exceptional achievement to a person who has shown distinctive leadership in public administration in Canada, or who by his or her writings or other endeavors has made a significant contribution in the field of public administration in Canada.

W:
WOLFGANG M. FREITAG INTERNSHIP AWARD
https://www.arlisna.org/about/awards-honors/68-internship-award
The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) accepts applications for its annual Internship Award each fall. This award provides financial support for students preparing for a career in art or architecture librarianship or visual resources curatorship via a grant of $3,000.00 to support a 150 hour internship in an art or architecture related setting such as a library, archive, or visual resources collection.

THE WHITWORTH AWARD
https://www.edcan.ca/awards/the-whitworth-award/
The Whitworth Award for Education Research was first presented in 1967, and was made possible through a generous financial donation by Dr. Fred Whitworth, a former Director of the Canadian Council for Research in Education. It has, since then, recognized individuals who have made a sustained and substantial contribution to educational research over a period of time. Researchers in faculties of education and other related disciplines; school boards, provincial and territorial departments of education; educational and other organizations that focus on educational issues; or research consultants. Applicants can either nominate themselves or be nominated by another person.
OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA
https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1425576051772/1425576078345

Guide to scholarships for Aboriginal students attending post-secondary educational institutions in Canada. Search for scholarships by name, type of provider, discipline, and region.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS
http://artsandscience.usask.ca/aboriginal/ College of Arts and Sciences, University of Saskatchewan

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS
http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/scholarships

ALBERTA LEARNING INFORMATION SERVICE  https://alis.alberta.ca/ (ALIS)

ALBERTA STUDENT LOANS http://studentaid.alberta.ca/

UNIVERSITIES CANADA: SCHOLARSHIPS

THE CALGARY FOUNDATION
https://calgaryfoundation.org/grantsawards-loans/advice-for-students/

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIANS SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS http://www.callacbd.ca/Awards

CANLEARN (CANADA'S EDUCATION SAVINGS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID RESOURCE)
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AWARDS
http://www.fcfdu.org/fellowshipsawards/listoffellowshipsandawards.aspx

CANADIAN BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
http://cbie.ca/what-we-do/scholarship-management/
(CBIE) manages and administers scholarships on behalf of Canadian government departments, private and public sector organizations and partner governments across the world.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.ORG
http://www.collegescholarships.org/our-scholarships/library-science.htm

CNST STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM
http://acuns.ca/awards-and-scholarships/cnst-awards/

WESTERN EDUCATION LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES IN CANADA (EXTERNAL)
file:///home/chronos/u-ea85e131489ac4c3caf1af2ad9689cd591d6bad9/Downloads/List_of_Qualifying_Scholarships_and_Bursaries_in_Canada-EXTERNAL-JULY_2013_1.pdf

THE INDIGENOUS STUDIES PORTAL (IPORTAL) http://iportal.usask.ca/
Hosted by the University of Saskatchewan Library and can be used by anyone.

INDSPIRE https://indspire.ca/
Information on financial assistance for First Nations, Inuit and Métis post-secondary students through bursaries and scholarship awards.

LIBRARY LAND INDEX Scholarships and grants for librarians.
http://www.librarylandindex.org/scholarships-grants.html

THE ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OLA)
http://www.accessola.org/web/OLA/Membership/Students_and_Recent_Graduates/Scholarship_Awards/OLA/Membership/Scholarship_Awards.aspx?hkey=3c7529b
Award and scholarship opportunities for students in MLIS programs in Ontario.

SCHOLARSHIPS CANADA  http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/

LIBRARY STUDIES, MUSEUMS AND HISTORY: SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS
https://scholarships.fatomei.com/history.html

WESTERN SCHOLARSHIP LIBRARY
http://grad.uwo.ca/sgps_development_series/student/scholarship.html#library