



Arthur Irving Scholarships in Environmental Science

MASTER'S STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: Graduate Student

Value: Total of \$40,000 (\$20,000/year)

Number of Awards: 1

The Arthur Irving Academy Scholarships in Environmental Science at Acadia University are among the most prestigious of university scholarships.

The scholarships provide some of the best students at Acadia University with the financial assistance and research support they need in order to excel in their studies. Furthermore, recipients are part of a mentorship program and are provided with invaluable opportunities in research at the renowned K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens. The financial assistance component of the scholarship is renewable and is valued at \$20,000 per academic year.

The criteria noted below relates to the 2016/2017 academic year and may be subject to change in future years.

Applications need to be received by May 31, 2016.

Entry Criteria:

- Accepted into a full-time program of study at Acadia University at the master's level with research focused in environmental science;
- A history of leadership, community service and extracurricular activities;
- Successful completion of an undergraduate program with an expected minimum GPA of 3.67 during the last two completed years of study; and
- The eligible master's program must include original and independent research in environmental science that leads to the completion of a thesis.

How to Apply:

Each candidate is expected to submit:

- Transcript
- Cover letter
- Resume
- 500-word essay. The essay is the candidate's opportunity to describe both his or her interest in environmental science and the value of scientific and environmental research in making a significant difference to the world. If applicable, candidates should discuss any past research experience and/or achievements.
- Three reference letters should be submitted with the application that focus on the following:

- Academic (focus on undergraduate education)
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Community service activities
 - Leadership, communication and project management skills
- Selected candidates will be interviewed by a review panel that will include President, Ray Ivany; Director of Research, David Kristie; and The Trustees of the Arthur Irving Academy.

Please send application to Director of Research of K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, David Kristie (kristie@acadiau.ca).

LOOKING TO RENEW YOUR SCHOLARSHIP?

Renewal Criteria:

- Expected GPA of 3.67 or higher;
- Demonstrated strong awareness of environmental issues and leadership in this area;
- A high standard of work ethic and behaviour;
- Active mentorship to undergraduate Arthur Irving Scholars;
- 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 towards the preparation and completion of research activities;
- Timely and satisfactory completion of departmental MSc requirements including confirmation of research project and written endorsement from research supervisor; and
- Each Arthur Irving Scholar is expected to be endorsed by the Director of Research of the K.C. Irving Environmental Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens. This endorsement will be based on all of the factors noted above.

How to Renew:

It is expected that Arthur Irving Scholars will meet the following renewal criteria annually:

- The renewing Arthur Irving Scholar will submit a letter addressed to the Trustees of the Arthur Irving Academy and Acadia University, outlining his or her personal advancement in the areas of research, academia, community, mentoring and extracurricular activities.
- The renewing Arthur Irving Scholar will be endorsed by the Director of Research of the K.C. Irving Environmental Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens. This endorsement will be based on all of the factors noted above.

Please send renewal letter to Director of Research of K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, David Kristie (kristie@acadiau.ca).