

École de Santé Publique Scholarships, Université de Montréal

Information for Commonwealth Partners Regarding Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships

1. General Project Information

Granting agency: Government of Canada
Program: Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships, 2015-2018
Total amount: \$998,737

(Amount allocated by the Queen Elizabeth II scholarship program: \$496,630/Amount contributed by Université de Montréal \$440,041)

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2. Project Summary

Project: "Partenariat pour un leadership en santé globale bilingue dans le Commonwealth"

The École de Santé Publique of Université de Montréal/USI won Queen Elizabeth II scholarships for 2015-2018. These scholarships promote intercultural exchanges of bilingual students in public health from across the Commonwealth in order for them to gain university and professional experience, and will contribute to the internationalization of ESPUM.

The goal of the scholarships is to train future leaders within the Commonwealth in the area of global health and global citizenship, by encouraging high-level training as well as intercultural exchanges of bilingual students in public health from Canada, Africa and South Asia in order for them to gain university and professional experience.

The project is based on partnerships led by ESPUM professors in collaboration with NGOs, research institutes and universities, five of which are already in place with institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. It will offer the opportunity for studies, research or internships abroad to Université de Montréal students (streams 1 and 2). Students from these partner institutions will also come study at University de Montréal (stream 3). In order to create a dynamic network of youth in global health, all students will be involved in health themes that have been identified as international priorities and in which UdeM, through EPSUM, is actively participating: 1) the Muskoka Initiative¹ and the development of innovative strategies to improve maternal and child health; 2) the promotion of universal access to priority public health and quality care programs; 3) epidemiological surveillance and rapid and effective response to global health problems.

The number of scholarship holders is 71, including 55 Canadian students or permanent residents registered in an UdeM program, and another 16 students from Commonwealth countries.

3. Scholarship Information

3.1 Contribution to the scholarship program

Given the procedures specific to the QES and Université de Montréal scholarship program, the proposed scholarships cover 3 to 6 months (scholarship holders must spend a minimum of 3 months in Canada). The QES program will contribute a maximum of C\$8,566. The fund can cover the following expenses: tuition fees, university expenses (supplies); living expenses (costs related to food, accommodation, health insurance and getting settled) and transportation expenses (airplane ticket, visas).

The University will provide scholarship holders with 90 percent of the funds to which they are entitled before their departure, and then the remaining 10 percent after receipt of the narrative report and supporting documents (boarding passes, receipt for taxi or bus travel between their residence and the airport, invoices for any authorized supplies, etc.).

3.1.1 Breakdown of scholarship expenses

- Total bursary in Canadian dollars (3 to 6 months in the field): \$8,566
 - Tuition fees: \$1,146
 - Supplies/conferences: \$300
 - Airplane ticket and visa: at market prices (least expensive, most direct and safest flight in economy class)
 - Living expenses: approximately \$1,100 per month in Canada
 - Other activities related to the program: justified and admissible expenses for the program only with receipt

3.2 Schedule

- Each partner organization could send at least 3 scholarship holders between 2016 and 2018 for a duration of 3 to 6 months
- Students could register for the following sessions:
 1. Fall: February 1
 2. Winter: September 15
 3. Summer: February 1

(<https://admission.umontreal.ca/admission/cycles-superieurs/documents-officiels-a-faire-parvenir/>)

- The scholarship program coordinator in Montréal will help with registration procedures.

3.4 Procedure to follow with Commonwealth country partners

3.4.1 Students from abroad

- The mandate will be defined according to the partners' needs and the capacity of UdeM professors.
- There will be three priority themes: 1) innovative strategies to improve maternal and child health; 2) the promotion of universal access to priority public health and quality care programs; 3) epidemiological surveillance and rapid and effective response to global health problems.
- Students will conduct brief stays with a reading course and other activities in order to create a customized program (exposure to Francophone culture but studies in English).

3.4.2 Canadian students in Commonwealth countries

- The partners could propose interesting themes.
- The partner must inform UdeM of how many interns it can supervise.
- A schedule with the number of interns will be requested every 6 months (beginning of February and August)
- Partners will receive a sum of C\$850 to supervise each intern, at the end of the project's fiscal year, that is, in March.
- Each institution must appoint someone who will be responsible for the Queen's scholarship program.
- The person responsible for the scholarship program will have primary institutional responsibility for the program and will participate on the Steering Committee.

3.5 Eligibility requirements for scholarship holders from abroad

- Be prepared to register full time at UdeM for one semester of reading courses at UdeM
- Be at least 35 years of age at the time of submission of the application

- Be a citizen of a Commonwealth country other than Canada
- Commit to returning to his or her country of origin
- Have obtained excellent school results
- Have research, communication and leadership potential
- Possess adequate knowledge of English to be able to study in this language
- Be registered full time in an approved master's or doctoral program in a Commonwealth country for the entire duration of the scholarship
- Agree to devote 15% of his or her time during the scholarship period to participating in community involvement activities
- Propose a project that encompasses the project's 3 priority themes

3.6 Suggested recruitment strategy

The notice of offer of scholarships must be disseminated 6 months before the beginning of the semester targeted for the selected students. This time period will include the following stages: 1) dissemination of the announcement; 2) preparation of application files by the interested students; 3) review of the applications; 4) selection of applicants; 5) preparation for departure (administrative formalities, logistics, etc.).

Prior to recruitment, the eligibility criteria must be clearly defined and communicated as must information on UdeM's study programs.

3.7 Coordinates

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ⁱ The **Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health** is a funding initiative announced at the **36th G8 summit** which commits **member nations** to collectively spend an additional \$5 billion between 2010 and 2015 to accelerate progress toward the achievement of **Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5**, the reduction of **maternal, infant and child mortality in developing countries**.^[1] A second summit on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health was held in Toronto from May 28-30, 2014 in follow-up to the original 36th G8 summit.^[2]