Community-based Monitoring Funding Opportunities 2012
Community-based Monitoring

Funding Opportunities

During the process of developing and implementing Northern Voices, Northern Waters: The NWT Water Stewardship Strategy, NWT communities expressed a strong interest in community-based monitoring of northern waters.


This calendar was created to help communities explore funding opportunities for planning and implementing aquatic ecosystem community-based monitoring. It provides a list of potential funding sources, deadlines for applications for funding and tips on putting together a successful proposal.

For more information regarding potential funding sources, visit http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/_live/pages/wpPages/Community-based_monitoring.aspx

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Water Quality Parameters

The following is a short description of water quality parameters you could measure:

**Turbidity:** is a measure of how cloudy the water in a lake or river is due to suspended particles such as silt, clay or algae. High turbidity can be harmful to an aquatic ecosystem. For example, too much clay or silt can clog the gills of fish and affect their health.

**Chlorophyll:** is a green pigment mostly produced by floating algae in freshwater lakes and rivers and, therefore, is an indicator of how much algae is present in the water. Chlorophyll can be used to estimate productivity or how many living things are in a system. For example, too few algae means less food for fish and invertebrates (bugs), while too much algae can decrease the amount of oxygen in the water.

**pH:** is a measure of how ‘acidic’ or ‘basic’ a solution is and is measured on a scale from 0, which is strongly acidic, to 14, which is strongly basic. Pure water falls at 7 on the pH scale and is considered neutral. The pH of an aquatic ecosystem is important because it affects what plants and animals can live in the water and affects the toxicity of certain metals. For example, most fish prefer to live in water that ranges in pH from 6.4 to 8.4. Fish can’t survive if the pH is below 4 or above 11.5.
Monitoring Equipment

Your community might be interested in developing your own monitoring program, or maybe your community already has a monitoring plan in place and has identified what need to be monitored. If water quality is one of the things you would like to monitor, ENR can lend your organization or your community equipment that can measure a number of water quality parameters. Further, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (Water Resources Division and Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program) have scientists that are interested in continuing to work with communities to develop monitoring programs.

There are training resources available online that show how to use the water quality monitoring equipment. Please visit http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/_live/pages/wpPages/Community-based_monitoring.aspx

ENR also has kits that include a camera and a GPS. These kits can be borrowed to document things on the land and in the water that are of interest to your organization or community. With the camera, you could capture images of anything unusual or things that are different than they were before. With the GPS, you could identify the location where you have observed changes. The monitoring equipment can provide important information for designing or conducting community-based monitoring programs.

If you’re interested in accessing monitoring equipment, please contact Erin Kelly at erin_kelly@gov.nt.ca

**Conductivity:** is a measure of how easily electricity can flow through water. Conductivity is affected by dissolved solids, such as salt, and acts as an indirect estimate of salinity. Similar to the other parameters mentioned, salinity is important because different types of fish have different ranges of salinity that they can tolerate. For example, freshwater fish are not able to live in water with high concentrations of salt because they can’t keep water in their bodies.

**Temperature:** water temperature affects a wide range of biological, chemical and physical components in an aquatic ecosystem and is an important water quality parameter to measure. In lakes and rivers, water temperature can determine what types of plants and animals can survive.

PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

A successful proposal identifies a problem and provides possible solutions. Spend this month doing the background work and research needed.

Funding proposals due this month

January 2012
- **Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Wildlife Research Funding Program**
  Deadline: January 15
  Funding Available: Limited

- **Arctic Cooperatives Award**
  Deadline: Normally January 31
  Funding Available: $2,500

- **The Canadian Northern Studies Trust**
  Deadline: Normally January 31
  Funding Available: $5,000

- **Canadian Polar Commission Scholarship**
  Deadline: Normally January 31
  Funding Available: $10,000

- **Caribou Management Scholarship Fund**
  Deadline: January 31
  Funding Available: Up to $1,500

- **Northern Resident Award (Undergraduate)**
  Deadline: Normally January 31
  Funding Available: $5,000

- **Northern Resident Scholarship (Graduate)**
  Deadline: Normally January 31
  Funding Available: $10,000

- **Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies**
  Deadline: Only January identified
  Funding Available: Logistical support

- **W. Garfield Weston Award for Northern Research (Doctoral)**
  Deadline: Only January identified
  Funding Available: $40,000

- **W. Garfield Weston Award for Northern Research (Master’s)**
  Deadline: Only January identified
  Funding Available: $15,000

- **Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust**
  Deadline: Normally January 31
  Funding Available: Varies

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
Once you have done your research and identified the problem and possible solutions, determine the goals and objectives of the project. The goals and objectives should be clear, to the point and achievable.
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- **The Wildlife Health Research Fund**
  - Deadline: February 15
  - Funding Available: $1,000 to $15,000

- **Aurora Research Institute Research Assistant Program**
  - Deadline: Only February identified
  - Funding Available: Up to $1,000

- **Aurora Research Institute Research Fellowship Program**
  - Deadline: Only February identified
  - Funding Available: Up to $3,000

- **Earthwatch Institute Field Grants**
  - Deadline: Only February identified
  - Funding Available: $17,000 to $51,000

- **Insight Development Grants**
  - Deadline: Only February identified
  - Funding Available: $7,000 to $75,000

- **Silverhill Institute Grants**
  - Deadline: Only February identified
  - Funding Available: $500 to $2,500

- **Northern Contaminants Program (NCP)**
  - Deadline: Only February identified
  - Funding Available: Varies

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Develop a project description early. This will help you put together the funding proposal for the project.

A project description should include:
- An outline of your project and the steps required to complete it.
- Roles of key people involved.
- Timeframes for each step.
- An explanation of your approach to solving the problem.
- Any known constraints and how you intend to deal with them.

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- **The Royal Canadian Geographical Society Research Grants**
  - Deadline: March 15
  - Funding Available: $3,000 to $5,000

- **Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project Leadership Grant**
  - Deadline: Only March identified
  - Funding Available: $25,000 to $500,000

- **The Northwest Territories Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (NWT CIMP)**
  - Deadline: Only March identified
  - Funding Available: Up to $60,000 (2010)

- **Science Horizons Youth Internship Program**
  - Deadline: Only March identified
  - Funding Available: Up to $12,000

- **Shell Environmental Fund**
  - Deadline: Only March identified
  - Funding Available: $25,000 to $100,000

- **The Canadian Wildlife Federation’s Funding Program**
  - Deadline: March 1 and September 1
  - Funding Available: $3,000 to $15,000

- **James W. Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography (PhD)**
  - Deadline: March 15
  - Funding Available: $5,000

- **The Royal Canadian Geographical Society Studentship in Northern Geography (Master’s)**
  - Deadline: March 15
  - Funding Available: $5,000

- **Jane Glassco Arctic Fellowship Program**
  - Deadline: Only March identified
  - Funding Available: Up to $25,000

- **Mountain Equipment Co-op Research Grants**
  - Deadline: March 10 and September 10
  - Funding Available: $5,000 to $20,000

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Funding sources generally identify the number of projects they will fund in a year. It is a good idea to find out if you are competing with other organizations and/or groups in your community for the same funding.

If another organization or group is working on a proposal to address the same problem, try working together on a joint proposal. Make sure all partners are involved in the planning process. Applying together can reduce duplication of training and equipment purchases.
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**Strategic Project Grants**  
Deadline: April 15  
Funding Available: Varies

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.

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PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Identify potential funding sources for your project. Once you have chosen the funder you think is the best fit for your project, contact the funding agency. The funding agency can tell you if funds are still available and confirm if your project meets its guidelines or criteria for funding.

Funding proposals due this month
Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Deadline: May 25
Funding Available: Varies

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
Thoroughly review the Request for Proposal (RFP) from the funding agency. Does the RFP strongly encourage proposals on a particular area of interest? Can your project proposal match one of these areas of interest? Are specific facts or instructions available in the RFP?

Summarize each item included in your proposal using the same format requested in the RFP. Pay attention to the requirements identified in the RFP such as the table of contents, page limitations and deadlines.
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**Lindbergh Grants Program**
Deadline: Only June identified
Funding Available: $10,580

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

When developing a written proposal, the main parts to include are the following: a cover letter outlining your request, a title page, an executive summary, the proposal and an appendix. More information on this topic can be found at the back of this calendar.
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No specific program deadlines this month.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

The budget is a critical component to secure funding. Each step or item outlined in your proposal needs to be included in your budget. Be honest and realistic about your timeline and what can be delivered. A table can be useful for clearly articulating your project needs. Be sure to include costs for salaried positions, honourariums, travel expenses and any other incidental charges.
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- **Discovery Grants Program**
  - Deadline: August 1 (Notification of intent) and November 1 (Application)
  - Funding Available: Varies
  
  See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Develop a management plan for your project. This plan describes how the project will be conducted. Briefly identify who will be doing what during the length of the project. Include the major responsibilities of all the key people and the responsibilities of any volunteers involved.

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**Mountain Equipment Co-op Research Grants**
Deadline: March 10 and September 10
Funding Available: $5,000 to $20,000

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Develop a work plan to make sure your project is completed on time. Your work plan should include timelines for major milestones and special events (e.g. workshops), and deadlines for reporting and evaluations.

Prepare a timeline for each phase of the project. Make sure your timelines follow any deadlines identified by the funding agency.
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No specific program deadlines this month.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Review your proposal before submitting it. You could set up an internal evaluation team to review the proposal and make sure that:

• the purpose of the project is clear;
• the proposal meets the requirements of the RFP; and
• the goals and objectives of the project are met by the proposal.
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- **Wildlife Habitat Canada Conservation Grants**
  Deadline: November 1
  Funding Available: $46,000 (2010 Average)

- **EcoAction Community Funding Program**
  Deadline: November 1
  Funding Available: Up to $100,000

- **Polar Continental Shelf Program**
  Deadline: Only November identified
  Funding Available: $30,000 (2010 Average)

- **Discovery Grants – Northern Research Supplements Program**
  Deadline: November 1
  Funding Available: Up to $10,000

- **Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) Studies Fund**
  Deadline: November 30
  Funding Available: Up to $30,000

- **Ducks Unlimited Canada Graduate Research Fellowships**
  Deadline: Only November identified
  Funding Available: $5,000 to $17,000

- **Ducks Unlimited Canada Research Proposal Funding**
  Deadline: Only November identified
  Funding Available: Varies

See back of calendar for more information about individual funding sources.
PROPOSAL WRITING TIP

Evaluate what made your proposal a success. If it failed, contact the funding agency to identify the reasons for its failure. Ask for an explanation and clarification so you can learn from the experience. There are a number of reasons why proposals are not successful. These reasons include: topics that are unrelated to the funding agencies goals; lack of clarity; the proposed work has already been completed; and the plan lacks sufficient analysis, is not action oriented or it contains objectives that require other work to be done first.
• **Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) Research Project Funding**
  Deadline: Only December identified
  Funding Available: $1,000,000 total each year

• **Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) Research Project Funding**
  Deadline: Only December identified
  Funding Available: $175,000 total each year

• **Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board Wildlife Studies Fund**
  Deadline: December 31
  Funding Available: Limited

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Funding Programs with Unspecified Deadlines

- **Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk**
  
  Deadline: Fall
  
  Funding Available: $30,000 to $100,000

- **Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk Aboriginal Capacity Building Fund (ACBF)**
  
  Deadline: Fall
  
  Funding Available: $10,000 to $50,000

- **Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk Aboriginal Critical Habitat Protection Fund (ACHPF)**
  
  Deadline: Fall
  
  Funding Available: $10,000 to $50,000

- **Interdepartmental Recovery Fund**
  
  Deadline: Fall
  
  Funding Available: Varies

- **Northern Scientific Training Grants Program**
  
  Deadline: Set by each University
  
  Funding Available: $2,500 to $4,000

- **Undergraduate Student Research Awards Program**
  
  Deadline: Set by each University
  
  Funding Available: $4,500

- **ArcticNet Research Funding**
  
  Deadline: Varies
  
  Funding Available: $100,000 (Average)

- **The Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Science (CFCAS) Grants**
  
  Deadline: Varies
  
  Funding Available: Up to $100,000/year

- **Environmental Damages Fund**
  
  Deadline: Varies
  
  Funding Available: Varies

- **McLean Foundation Funding**
  
  Deadline: Varies
  
  Funding Available: $1,000 to $17,000 (2009)

- **The Salamander Foundation Grants**
  
  Deadline: Varies
  
  Funding Available: $15,000 to $60,000 (2011)

- **Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project Community Action Grant**
  
  Deadline: All year
  
  Funding Available: $1,000 to $5,000

- **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) Environmental Funding**
  
  Deadline: Varies
  
  Funding Available: $500 to $5,000
Information About Funding Sources

Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk Aboriginal Capacity Building Fund (ACBF)

Submission Deadline
The call for proposal submissions takes place in the fall.

Focus
To help Aboriginal organizations and communities build capacity to enable them to play an active role in the implementation of the Species at Risk Act.

Who Can Apply
Communities and organizations actively involved in the management of Aboriginal lands are eligible for funding, including:

- Aboriginal associations/organizations
- territorially-based Aboriginal groups
- district councils/Chief and council
- traditional appointed advisory committees
- corporations
- tribal councils
- partnerships and groups
- school authorities

Funding
Funding varies and has ranged in the past from $5,000 to $500,000.

Website
http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/funding/asrp_e.cfm

Contact Information
Terrestrial Projects
Northwest Territories
Donna Mulders
Environment Canada
Canadian Wildlife Service
Prairie and Northern Region
5204 - 50th Avenue, Suite 301
Yellowknife, NT X1A 1E2
T: (867) 669-4783
E: donna.mulders@ec.gc.ca

Aquatic Projects
Central and Arctic
Andries Blouw
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Species at Risk Program
501 University Crescent
Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N6
T: (204) 983-5051
F: (204) 983-5192
E: andries.blouw@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk Aboriginal Critical Habitat Protection Fund (ACHPF)

Submission Deadline
The call for proposal submissions takes place in the fall.

Focus
Identification, protection, and recovery of species at risk and their habitat.

Who Can Apply
Communities and organizations actively involved in the management of Aboriginal lands are eligible for funding, including:

- Aboriginal associations/organizations
- territorially-based Aboriginal groups
- district councils/Chief and council
- traditional appointed advisory committees
- corporations
- tribal councils
- partnerships and groups
- school authorities

Funding
Funding varies and has ranged in the past from $5,000 to $500,000.

Website
http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/funding/asrp_e.cfm

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Arctic Cooperatives Award

Submission Deadline
Normally January 31.

Focus
Northern fieldwork or experience-based research relating to the operation of the Arctic Co-operatives. For more information on the Arctic Co-operatives, visit the following URL http://www.arcticco-op.com/index.htm.

Who Can Apply
Offered to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada enrolled full-time in college or university pursuing studies that contribute to the understanding and development of the Arctic Co-operatives in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and/or northern Manitoba.

Funding
$2,500

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6
ArcticNet Research Funding

Submission Deadline
Varies as the call for proposals comes out as funding becomes available. The call for proposals is announced through the Network website and university Research Offices and is distributed to the Arctic research community.

Focus
Focuses on four main themes:
- coastal marine ecosystems
- coastal terrestrial ecosystems
- Inuit health and adaptation
- industrial development in the North

Who Can Apply
Researchers and organizations requesting ArcticNet funding must meet the requirements of the Canadian Research Granting Councils (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR). Research projects must be relevant to ArcticNet’s mandate, objectives and research program, and must meet the criteria established by ArcticNet and the Networks of Centres of Excellence Program as stated in the ArcticNet Research Project Review Guidelines.

Funding
Varies (average $100,000)

Website
http://www.arcticnet.ulaval.ca/index.php

Contact Information
ArcticNet Inc.
Pavillon Alexandre-Vachon, Room 4081
1045, avenue de la Médecine,
Laval University
Quebec City, QC G1V 0A6
T: (418) 656-5830
F: (418) 656-2334
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Aurora Research Institute Research Fellowship Program

Submission Deadline
Normally February.

Focus
Northwest Territories-based research in the social, applied, physical and natural sciences.

Who Can Apply
Researchers in the social, applied, physical and natural sciences. Community-initiated research is encouraged.

Funding
Up to $3,000 for expenses associated with research based in the Northwest Territories.

Website
http://www.nwtresearch.com/education/raf.aspx

Contact Information
Manager, Scientific Services
Aurora Research Institute
P.O. Box 1450
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
T: (867) 777-3298 Ext. 32
F: (867) 777-4264

Aurora Research Institute Research Assistant Program

Submission Deadline
Normally February.

Focus
Northwest Territories-based research in the social, applied, physical and natural sciences. Community-initiated research is encouraged.

Who Can Apply
Researchers from the social, applied, physical and natural sciences. Examples of individuals who may wish to apply for funding under this program include universities, government, non-profit agencies and industry researchers.

Funding
Up to $1,000 towards wages for hiring northern residents as research assistants.

Website
http://www.nwtresearch.com/educational/rap.aspx

Contact Information
Manager, Scientific Services
Aurora Research Institute
P.O. Box 1450
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
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F: (867) 777-4264
The Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Science (CFCAS) Grants*

*NOTE: This program may close in 2012 due to lack of funding. No grants were issued in 2011.

Submission Deadline
Varies based on fund availability.

Focus
CFCAS funding is focused on the following four broad themes:

- climate change
- air quality
- extreme weather
- marine environmental prediction

Who Can Apply
Eligible Recipients include:

- Individual researchers and collaborative networks of researchers affiliated with Canadian universities and other degree granting institutions.
- Not-for-profit organizations that have demonstrated their capabilities to support and conduct research will be considered if they are part of a collaborative network with one or more universities.

Funding
The Foundation offers two types of awards:
1. CFCAS Major Initiative Grants, requesting over $300,000 for a total duration of up to five years. These incorporate networks awards and major collaborative projects.
2. CFCAS Project Grants, requesting a total of up to $300,000 over three years.

Website
http://www.cfcas.org/

Contact Information
CFCAS
Suite 901, 350 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON K1R 7S8
T (613) 238-2223
F: (613) 238-2227

The Canadian Northern Studies Trust

Submission Deadline
Normally January 31.

Focus
Northern challenges or issues.

Who Can Apply
Students who are citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.

Funding
$5,000

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6

Canadian Polar Commission Scholarship

Submission Deadline
Normally January 31.

Focus
Polar studies research.

Who Can Apply
Available to students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.

Funding
$10,000

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
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Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6

The Canadian Shield Foundation Project Funding

Submission Deadline
Varies.

Focus
Precambrian (Laurentian Shield) ecology

Who Can Apply
Volunteer and not-for-profit organizations promoting renewable energy and the conservation ethic.

Funding
Up to $10,000

Website
http://www.canadianshieldfoundation.ca/

Contact Information
250 Wellington Crescent - Unit 401
Winnipeg, MB R3M 0B3
Canadian Charity Registration: 119 219 905 RR0001
E: canadianshieldfoundation@shaw.ca
The Canadian Wildlife Federation’s Funding Program

Submission Deadline
March 1 and September 1 each year.

Focus
Funding requests received by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation must fulfill three or more of the following objectives, as applicable:
• To be demonstrably beneficial to wildlife conservation, management, education, or research.
• To achieve direct conservation benefits for a species or habitat.
• To address an important threat to or fill an important gap in our knowledge of a species or habitat.
• To increase public knowledge of, or respect for, nature.
• To provide benefits to and opportunities for the promotion of CWF.

Who Can Apply
Applications for funding assistance will be considered from registered charitable non-profit organizations. Students submitting applications must provide the charitable registration number of the university that they are affiliated with.

Funding
$3,000 to $15,000. Financial assistance will be allocated for a maximum of a one-year period. Renewals for financial assistance will be considered annually on a case-by-case basis.

Website

Contact Information
Cathy Hurd
Funding Program Officer
Canadian Wildlife Foundation
350 Michael Cowpland Drive
Kanata, Ontario K2M 2W1
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Caribou Management Scholarship Fund

Submission Deadline
January 31 each year.

Focus
Barren-ground caribou and their habitat.

Who Can Apply
Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada enrolled in college or university pursuing studies that contribute to the understanding of barren-ground caribou and their habitat, or that would have application to caribou conservation and management. Preference will be given to students who normally reside in the communities of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq range.

Funding
Up to $1,500

Website

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6

Discovery Grants – Northern Research Supplements Program

Submission Deadline
November 1 each year.

Focus
Northern research and training.

Who Can Apply
University and college Natural Science and Engineering Research Council-funded researchers who intend to conduct research in Canada’s North.

Funding
Up to $10,000 per year as a supplement to the NSERC Discovery Grant, for the duration of the Discovery Grant, to supplement logistical costs associated with research in the Canadian North. Renewal of the supplement will be considered at the time of your Discovery Grant renewal.

Website

Contact Information
NSERC
350 Albert Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 1H5
T: (613) 996-4148
**Discovery Grants Program**

**Submission Deadline**
August 1 – Notification of Intent
November 1 – Application

**Focus**
Any topic relating to natural science and engineering.

**Who Can Apply**
To be eligible as an applicant or co-applicant, you must hold or have a firm offer of an academic appointment at an eligible Canadian university at the time of application. The appointment can be:
- a tenured, tenure-track or lifetime professor emeritus position, or
- a term or contract position of no less than three years.

**Funding**
Varies, up to five years.

**Website**

**Contact Information**
T: (613) 995-2694
E: resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

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**Ducks Unlimited Canada Graduate Research Fellowships**

**Submission Deadline**
Normally November.

**Focus**
Conservation of wetlands and wetland wildlife, and to advance scientific understanding of the biology of waterfowl and wetlands in Canada.

**Who Can Apply**
Graduate students based at any North American university.

**Funding**
$5,000 to $17,000 per year depending on the fellowship.

**Website**
http://www.ducks.ca/conserve/research/proposals/index.html

**Contact Information**
Dr. David W. Howerter
Institute for Wetland and Waterfowl Research
Ducks Unlimited Canada
P.O. Box 1160
Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0
T: (204) 467-3292
F: (204) 467-3410
E: iwwr@ducks.ca

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**Ducks Unlimited Canada Research Proposal Funding**

**Submission Deadline**
Normally November.

**Focus**
Conservation of wetlands and wetland wildlife, and to advance scientific understanding of the biology of waterfowl and wetlands in Canada.

**Who Can Apply**
Graduate students based at any North American university and scientific colleagues within the scientific community.

**Funding**
Limited discretionary funds or, usually, with new funds raised by Institute for Wetland and Waterfowl Research and the principal investigator after the project is approved in concept. This might mean providing partial support with discretionary funds or, most likely, assisting with joint funding requests to potential private sponsors.

**Website**
http://www.ducks.ca/conserve/research/proposals/index.html

**Contact Information**
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Earthwatch Institute Field Grants

Submission Deadline
A Concept Note along with a CV must be submitted by February each year. If the Concept Note raises interest, you will then be invited to submit a Research Proposal. Invitations for full Research Proposals will be communicated in late March.

Focus
Four research areas:
- ecosystem services
- climate change
- oceans
- cultural heritage

Who Can Apply
Doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, or researchers with equivalent scholarship or commensurate life experience. Earthwatch welcomes proposals from advanced scholars and professionals of any nationality, covering any geographic region.

Funding
Between $17,000 and $51,000 for one full field season.

Website
http://www.earthwatch.org/aboutus/research/scientistopps/

Contact Information
114 Western Ave,
Boston, MA  02134
U.S.A.
T: 1-800-776-0188
E: research@earthwatch.org

EcoAction Community Funding Program

Submission Deadline
November 1 each year.

Focus
Projects that promote clean air, clean water and the protection, rehabilitation or enhancement of the natural environment.

Who Can Apply
Non-profit groups and organizations are eligible to receive funding through the EcoAction Community Funding Program. Examples of eligible groups include:
- environmental groups
- community groups
- youth and seniors groups
- community-based associations
- service clubs
- Aboriginal organizations

The following groups are not eligible, but are encouraged to partner with non-profit organizations to support a project proposal:
- businesses
- educational institutions
- individuals
- municipal, provincial, territorial, federal governments

Funding
A maximum of $100,000 per project is available. Project duration may be up to three years.

Website
http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/default.asp?lang=En&n=FA475FE8-1

Contact Information
Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut
4999-98th Avenue
Twin Atria #2, Room 200
Edmonton, AB  T6B 2X3
T: (780) 951-8763 or 1-800-567-1570 (toll-free)
F: (780) 495-4367
E: ecoaction.pnr@ec.gc.ca

Environmental Damages Fund (EDF)

Submission Deadline
When funds become available, Environment Canada’s regional offices solicit project proposals through calls for proposals from eligible groups.

Focus
Must address one or more of the following EDF categories:
- restoration (highest funding priority)
- environmental quality improvement
- research and development
- education and awareness
- oceans
- cultural heritage

Who Can Apply
Eligible groups include:
- non-governmental organizations
- universities and academic institutions
- Aboriginal groups
- provincial, territorial and municipal governments

Ineligible groups are encouraged to partner with eligible groups to apply for funding.
Ineligible groups include:
- individuals
- businesses
- federal governments and agencies

Funding
Varies from year to year based on the amount of funds procured. See website for information on current funding available.

Website

Contact Information
Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut
4999-98th Avenue
Twin Atria #2, Room 200
Edmonton, AB  T6B 2X3
T: (780) 951-8763 or 1-800-567-1570 (toll-free)
F: (780) 495-4367
E: edf-fde.pnr@ec.gc.ca
Gwich’in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB) Wildlife Studies Fund

Submission Deadline
December 31 each year.

Focus
The GRRB supports projects that focus on renewable resources in the Gwich’in Settlement Area, particularly those that address GRRB priorities. Priority funding will be given to projects that involve communities and youth, and have substantial co-funding from other partners.

Who Can Apply
Contact the office for more details.

Funding
Limited.

Website
http://www.grrb.nt.ca/wildlifestudiesfund.htm

Contact Information
Gwich’in Renewable Resources Board
P.O. Box 2240
2nd Floor, Alex Moses Greenland Building
105 Veterans’ Way (formerly Distributor Street)
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
T: (867) 777-6600
F: (867) 777-6601

Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk

Submission Deadline
The call for proposal submissions takes place in the fall.

Focus
Selected projects protect or conserve habitats for species listed as “at risk” (endangered, threatened or of special concern), under the Species at Risk Act. These activities must take place on private lands, provincial Crown lands, Aboriginal lands, or in aquatic and marine areas across Canada. The program focuses on results in three main areas:
1. Securing or protecting important habitat to protect species at risk and support their recovery.
2. Mitigating threats to species at risk caused by human activities.
3. Supporting the implementation of other priority activities in recovery strategies or action plans, where these are in place or under development.

Who Can Apply
Non-governmental organizations, Aboriginal organizations and communities, individuals, private corporations as well as provincial, territorial and municipal governments and provincial Crown corporations are eligible for funding.

Funding
Funding varies and has ranged in the past from $5,000 to $500,000. The program aims to achieve 2:1 leveraging on funds that it invests, so that for every $1 provided by the HSP, $2 is raised by project recipients. This leveraging can take the form of either financial or in-kind resources (volunteered labour, products or services). Partner funding and other support broaden the scope of projects, improve on-the-ground results, and strengthen the public and private collaboration that is essential to involving all Canadians in stewardship activities for species at risk.

Website

Contact Information
Donna Mulders
Environment Canada
Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie and Northern Region
4th floor - 5019-52th Street, Box 2310
Yellowknife, NT X1A 1E2
T: (867) 669-4783
E: donna.mulders@ec.gc.ca
Insight Development Grants

Submission Deadline
Normally February.

Focus
Most Social Services and Humanities Research Council funding is awarded through open competitions. All disciplines, thematic areas and approaches are eligible for consideration, and proposals are welcome from all subject areas eligible for funding at SSHRC. The SSHRC’s current priority areas (2011) include:
• Aboriginal research
• Canadian environmental issues
• digital media

Who Can Apply
Applications for an Insight Development Grant may be submitted by an individual researcher or by a team of researchers (consisting of one applicant, plus one or more co-applicants and/or research collaborators).

Funding is available for two distinct categories of scholars: regular scholars and new scholars.
• Regular scholars: Funding for regular scholars provides support to explore new research questions and approaches that are distinct from the applicant’s previous/ongoing research. These questions and approaches may or may not lie outside the scholar’s existing area(s) of specialization.
• New scholars: This funding supports high-quality research projects by new scholars to develop new research questions and/or approaches. Such projects may represent a continuation of the applicant’s (or team’s) graduate work and/or overall research trajectory.

Eligibility under the new scholar definition is determined solely by the status of the applicant.
All team members must meet the eligibility criteria specific to their category.
Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution before the grant is awarded.

Funding
$7,000 to $75,000 over one to two years.

Website

Contact Information
T: (613) 947-9859
E: insightdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

Interdepartmental Recovery Fund

Submission Deadline
Fall each year.

Focus
Eligible projects must be directly related to the implementation of recovery strategies or action plans or to carry out surveys for species at risk. All proposed eligible activities must fall into one of the following three categories:
• recovery activities
• surveys
• planning and proposal development

Who Can Apply
Federal government departments, which include agencies and Crown corporations, other than Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the Parks Canada Agency.

Funding
Varies

Website
http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/funding/irf_fir/default_e.cfm

Contact Information
Véronique Lalande
Interdepartmental Recovery Fund Secretariat
Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service
T: (819) 934-6922

James W. Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography (PhD)

Submission Deadline
March 15 each year.

Focus
Research leading to a thesis on a subject relating to northern geography.

Who Can Apply
Applications will be accepted from students enrolled in a Doctoral program at a Canadian university.

Funding
$5,000

Website
http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research_grants/northern_geography.asp

Contact Information
Coordinator of Society Programs
Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography
The Royal Canadian Geographical Society
Suite 200, 1155 Lola Street
Ottawa, ON K1K 4C1
T: (613) 745-4629
F: (613) 744-0947

Please save for future reference.
Jane Glassco Arctic Fellowship Program

Submission Deadline
Normally March.

Focus
Arctic issues.

Who Can Apply
Those aged 25 to 35 living in (or who are from) Nunavut, Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, the Northwest Territories or the Yukon, particularly Indigenous northerners, in the early stages of their careers.

Funding
Up to $25,000 over two years.

Website
http://www.wdgf.ca/programs/arctic-program/emerging-leadership/jane-glassco-arctic-fellowshipprogram

Contact Information
Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation
Suite 400
11 Church Street
Toronto, ON M5E 1W1
T: (416) 601-4776
F: (416) 601-1689
E: arcticvoices@gordonfn.org

Lindbergh Grants Program

Submission Deadline
June each year.

Focus
Innovative research and educational projects which focus on the Lindbergh’s vision of balance between the advance of technology and preservation of the natural/human environment. Focus must be on one of the following topics:
- agriculture
- aviation/aerospace
- conservation of natural resources – including animals, plants, water, and general conservation (land, air, energy, etc.)
- education – including humanities/education, the arts, and intercultural communication
- exploration
- health – including biomedical research, health and population sciences, and adaptive technology
- waste minimization and management

A Jonathan Lindbergh Brown Grant may be given to a project to support adaptive technology or biomedical research which seeks to redress imbalance between an individual and his or her human environment.

Who Can Apply
Citizens from all countries may apply.

Funding
Up to $10,580

Website
http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/docs/index.php/our-grants

Contact Information
The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation
2150 Third Avenue North, Suite 310
Anoka, MN 55303-2200
U.S.A.
T: (763) 576-1596
F: (763) 576-1664
E: info@lindberghfoundation.org

McLean Foundation Funding

Submission Deadline
A letter of inquiry must first be submitted and then only those invited can submit a full proposal. Letters of inquiry should be sent via regular mail and not by fax or e-mail.

Focus
Emphasis on projects showing promise of general social benefit, but which may initially lack broad public appeal.

Who Can Apply
Organizations which are recognized by Canada Revenue Agency as “charitable organizations” and which are able to provide a registration number

Funding
A total of $1,471,170 of funding was available in 2009. Grants ranged from $1,000 to $70,000, with an average of approximately $7,000.

Website
http://mcleanfoundation.ca/index.html

Contact Information
Ms. Ev McTaggart
The McLean Foundation
2 St. Clair Ave. W., Suite 1008
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
T: (416) 964-6802
F: (416) 964-2804
E: info@mcleanfoundation.ca
Mountain Equipment Co-op Research Grants

Submission Deadline
March 10 and September 10 each year.

Focus
Wilderness conservation and sustainable recreational land use.

Who Can Apply
Applicants must meet the following criteria:
• The applicant must be a not-for-profit organization (registered charitable status is NOT required).
• The applicant cannot be a governmental organization.
• The applicant organization must be a member of MEC.

Funding
$5,000 to $20,000

Website
http://www.mec.ca/Main/content_text.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder_id=2534374302883365

Contact Information
T: 1.866.632.3863
E: community@mec.ca

Northern Resident Scholarship (Graduate)

Submission Deadline
Normally January 31.

Focus
Direct northern field research in Canada or the circumpolar north.

Who Can Apply
Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, who are identified as long-term residents of Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon or the provincial North, and are currently enrolled in a master’s or doctoral level program at a Canadian university. A “long-term resident” is identified as a person who has resided in the North for eight years or more. ACUNS defines northern Canada as on or above the line indicated on the Northern Boundary Map http://acuns.ca/website/awards/northern-boundary-map/

Funding
$10,000

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6

Northern Resident Award (Undergraduate)

Submission Deadline
Normally January 31.

Focus
Applies to all areas of study.

Who Can Apply
Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, who are identified as long-term residents of Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon or the provincial North, and are currently enrolled in a post-secondary undergraduate program at a Canadian college or university. A “long-term resident” is identified as a person who has resided in the North for eight years or more. ACUNS defines northern Canada as the region on or above the line indicated on the Northern Boundary Map: http://acuns.ca/website/awards/northern-boundary-map/

Funding
$5,000

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6
Northern Contaminants Program (NCP)

Submission Deadline
Normally January.

Focus
The NCP allocates funds for research and related activities in four main areas:
• human health research
• environmental monitoring and research
• education and communications
• national/regional coordination and Aboriginal partnerships

Who Can Apply
Researchers with a focus on one of the four focus areas listed.

Funding
Total of $4.8 million each year.

Website

Contact Information
Jason Stow
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E: jason.stow@ainc-inac.gc.ca

Northern Scientific Training Grants Program

Submission Deadline
Deadlines are set within each university by their respective Northern Studies Committee. The deadline for Northern Studies Committees to submit is December 1 each year.

Focus
Northern topics from all disciplines and in multi-disciplinary fields.

Who Can Apply
• You must be enrolled in a degree program at a Canadian university.
• Funds are available in support of graduate students. However, senior undergraduate students entering their final year and intending to undertake an honours thesis based on northern fieldwork or research which will be continued in subsequent graduate studies are also eligible.
• Students supported by training funds must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
• Summer and winter projects are eligible.

Post-doctoral studies are not supported.

Funding
$2,500 to $4,000

Website

Contact Information
Secretary
Northern Scientific Training Program Committee
Northern Science and Contaminants Research Directorate
Indian Affairs and Northern Development
360 Albert, Suite 1023
Ottawa, ON K1R 7X7
T: (613) 995-6965
F: (613) 995-7029
E: pfsn-nstp@ainc-inac.gc.ca

The Northwest Territories Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (NWT CIMP)

Submission Deadline
Normally March.

Focus
Projects with a focus on the following valued components identified by the CIMP working group:
• caribou
• land mammals
• marine life
• birds (land and marine)
• water and sediment quality
• water quantity
• air quality

Who Can Apply
The following types of recipients will be eligible for funding:
• groups, organizations and communities within settled and unsettled claim areas of the NWT
• federal and territorial government departments and agencies
• academia
• non-governmental organizations
• private sector companies (including industry)

Companies must demonstrate a formed partnership with a local community or group before applying for funding.

Preference will be given to collaborative projects that can demonstrate the involvement of key partners and their respective roles, and projects that are designed using the CIMP Pathways Approach.

Funding
Up to $60,000 (for projects in 2010/2011)

Website
http://www.nwtcimp.ca/index.asp

Contact Information
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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) Studies Fund

Submission Deadline
November 30 each year.

Focus
The following subject areas are a primary focus for the NWMB:
- population delineation or the distribution of the population within Nunavut and elsewhere in Canada and other countries; this information is required to determine population size and harvest levels
- population size
- recent and historical changes in population distribution and abundance
- annual production: includes information of birth rate, death rate, and the factors which affect production
- effects of different management strategies (eg. hunting seasons, sex selection)
- management implications of different hunting and fishing methods (eg. gill net mesh size, use of dog teams in bear hunts)
- traditional management practices
Projects on other topics will also be considered if they are relevant to current wildlife management priorities of local priorities.

Who Can Apply
The following types of organizations and individuals are eligible for funding from the NWMB Research Funds:
- Inuit organizations, including hunters and trappers organizations, regional wildlife organizations, and regional Inuit associations and others
- non-governmental organizations, including educational institutions and private companies
- residents of Nunavut.
Government departments are not eligible for funding from this source.

Funding
Projects may be funded for more than one year, however, organizations must apply for funding each year.

Website
http://nwmb.com/english/funding/studies_fund.php

Contact Information
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
P.O. Box 1379
Lot 924 Parnaivik Building
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
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F: (867) 975-7320
E: mwheatley@nwmb.com

Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust (NWRT)

Submission Deadline
Normally January 31 each year.

Focus
Wildlife research.

Who Can Apply
Only Canadian federal or territorial government departments are eligible for funding by the NWRT. Most often these will be the Department of Sustainable Development (Government of Nunavut), the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, however funding is not limited to these departments.

Funding
Varies, projects in excess of $75,000 will not normally be considered.

Website

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Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Submission Deadline
May 25 each year.

Focus
Post-secondary studies in the field of conservation.

Who Can Apply
All applicants must be competent, full-time students registered in a recognized Canadian educational institute and be citizens of Canada, or landed immigrants, with the intent of working in Canada. All applicants must be in need of financial assistance to pursue their course of study.

Funding
Varies each year as only the interest of the fund is disbursed.

Website
http://www.cwf-fcf.org/en/action/funding-awards/scholarships/

Contact Information
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Kanata, ON K2M 2W1
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Please save for future reference.
Polar Continental Shelf Program

Submission Deadline
Normally November.

Focus
Any Arctic scientific research, including archaeology, climatology, the geosciences, glaciology, space science and wildlife studies.

Who Can Apply
Principal investigators planning to conduct fieldwork in the Arctic are invited to apply for logistics support by submitting a Polar Shelf Logistics Request Form. Depending on when and where you are conducting your operations, support requests may include airplane or helicopter use, fuel caching, accommodation for your field party, and/or loan of field or communication equipment.

Funding
Logistical support averaged $30,000 a project in 2010.

Website
http://polar.nrcan.gc.ca/index_e.php

Contact Information
615 Booth Street, Room 487
Ottawa, ON  K1A 0E9
T: (613) 947-1650
F: (613) 947-1611
E: pcsp@nrcan.gc.ca

Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies

Submission Deadline
Normally January.

Focus
Research undertaken at Eureka on Ellesmere Island.

Who Can Apply
Canadian students or permanent residents in Canada, engaged in graduate programs at Canadian universities, in any appropriate environmental discipline in the physical and/or biological sciences, may apply. Preference will be given to master’s students and doctoral students at an early stage in their programs. Preference will also be given to proposals for which the High Arctic Weather Station location on Ellesmere Island is demonstrably advantageous. Research support opportunities are not confined to students engaged in weather-related studies.

Funding
Recipients will receive full accommodation and other benefits at the Eureka station for up to 365 days within a predetermined three-year period. A certain amount of technical and other support will be available at the station for such things as instrument setup and maintenance, monitoring, data transmission, etc. Transportation to and from the site will be available on a space available basis on air charters from Resolute Bay, NU.

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON  K1N 9J6

Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project Leadership Grants

Submission Deadline
Normally March.

Focus
Programs that are dedicated to one of these areas:
1. Watershed protection
   Programs and projects that focus on:
   • protection and restoration of sensitive natural areas
   • community-based watershed stewardship
   • sustainable water use and conservation, or
   • watershed awareness
2. Access to clean drinking water
   Programs and projects that focus on making sure communities have access to clean, safe drinking water, when and where it is needed.

Who Can Apply
Available to local, regional, national or trans-border organizations for projects in any of the countries in which RBC is located, including Canada, the United States, the Caribbean and the UK. Organizations must be a federally registered charity in Canada, have their 501C3 status with the United States or be considered a qualified donee under the Canadian Income Tax Act.

Funding
$25,000 to $500,000

Website
http://bluewater.rbc.com/index.php

Contact Information
Director, Corporate Donations
RBC
RBC Centre
155 Wellington Street West
18th Floor
Toronto, ON  M5V 3K7
T: (416) 974-3113
E: donations@rbc.com
Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project Community Action Grant

Submission Deadline
Applications are accepted all year long.

Focus
Watershed protection.

Who Can Apply
Groups and organizations applying for Blue Water Project grants must be federally registered charities in Canada, have 501C3 status in the United States or similar status in the Caribbean, or have other special tax status.

Examples of organizations that can apply include:
• public schools (primary, junior or secondary)
• service clubs
• local youth groups, like Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs and Boy’s and Girl’s Clubs
• municipalities and townships (including community recreation centres)
• college or university student clubs or associations

Funding
$1,000 to $5,000

Website
http://bluewater.rbc.com/index.php

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The Royal Canadian Geographical Society Research Grants

Focus
1. Support of research undertaken by senior high school students and by undergraduate students in Canadian universities and colleges for projects that contribute to the completion of their academic program. High school teachers are eligible for comparable field work projects that contribute to their curricula.
2. Support of outstanding research proposals submitted by independent researchers for projects where the Society’s grant constitutes the majority of the overall budget.
3. Other extraordinary proposals of modest budget that will further the aims of the Society.

Who Can Apply
Awards are restricted to projects that are undertaken in Canada, by Canadian residents and that address some element of the country’s geography.

Funding
Up to $3,000 for individuals. Up to $5,000 for groups (up to three people).

Website
http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research_grants/research_grants.asp

Contact Information
Suite 200, 1155 Lola Street
Ottawa, ON K1K 4C1
T: (613) 745-4629
F: (613) 744-0947

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society Studentship in Northern Geography (Master’s)

Focus
Research leading to a thesis on a subject relating to northern geography.

Who Can Apply
Applications will be accepted from Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Students must be registered in a master’s program, with a thesis requirement at a Canadian university, and must propose a research topic that addresses some substantive element of northern geography of Canada. Any master’s program that allows for such a focus is acceptable. The Studentship will normally be awarded to a student (full-time or part-time) whose course work will be completed by the May following the application deadline.

Funding
$5,000

Website
http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research_grants/northern_geography.asp

Contact Information
Coordinator of Society Programs
Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography
The Royal Canadian Geographical Society
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F: (613) 744-0947
Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Wildlife Research Funding Program

Submission Deadline
January 15 each year.

Focus
Research on renewable resources found in the Sahtu Settlement Area.

Who Can Apply
Contact the office for more details. The Renewable Resource Councils participate in the majority of research projects conducted in or near their own community.

Funding
Limited.

Website
http://www.srrb.nt.ca/research.htm

Contact Information
Main Office
P.O. Box 134
Tulita, NT X0E 0K0
T: (867) 588-4040
F: (867) 588-3324

Renewable Resources Councils
Colville Lake:
Behdzi Ahda’ Renewable Resource Council
T: (867) 709-2200

Deline:
Renewable Resource Council
T: (867) 589-8100

Fort Good Hope:
Renewable Resource Council
T: (867) 598-2193

Norman Wells:
Renewable Resource Council
T: (867) 587-2455

Tulita:
Renewable Resource Council
T: (867) 588-4724

The Salamander Foundation Grants

Submission Deadline
The Foundation proactively seeks projects which correspond with its primary interests and does not normally accept applications without prior agreement. Contact the Foundation by telephone to determine whether the objectives of the project proposal reflect the interests of the Foundation. There are no specific deadlines and the Foundation may be contacted at any time.

Focus
Primarily focused on pollution and its implications for human and ecosystem health, including:
- environmental contamination remediation and prevention
- ‘best practices’ in resource management
- management/conservation measures at a watershed, regional or transboundary level

Who Can Apply
Organizations registered as charities with the Canada Revenue Agency

Funding
Grants in 2011 ranged from $15,000 to $60,000.

Website
http://www.salamanderfoundation.org/index.cfm

Contact Information
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Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
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F: (416) 972-9203
E: info@salamanderfoundation.org
Science Horizons Youth Internship Program

Submission Deadline
Normally March.

Focus
One of the Science Horizons Program’s key science priorities. These are subject to change each year. Please see website for more detail.

Who Can Apply
The following organizations can submit project proposals:
• post-secondary educational institutions
• not-for-profit organizations such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-government organizations (NGOs)
• for-profit organizations such as small businesses, companies, corporations and industry associations
• municipal/local governments
• provincial/territorial governments if specified in a federal-provincial/territorial agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, or specified by the Minister of the Environment
• Aboriginal organizations or associations
• local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors’ and youth groups, and service clubs

Intern requirements include the following:
• Have graduated with a degree or diploma from a university, college, post-secondary school of technology, post-secondary institution or CEGEP (collège d’enseignement général et professionnel, Québec). These may be privately or publicly funded institutions.
• Are not attending school.
• Are unemployed or under-employed.
• Are not in receipt of Employment Insurance during their internship.
• Are aged 30 years or under (at the commencement of the project).
• Are legally entitled to work in Canada (includes individuals who are Canadian citizens, those with permanent Canadian residency status, those with a valid Canadian work permit to work on a full time basis, or persons who have been granted refugee status in Canada).

Funding
Up to $12,000

Website

Contact Information
Inquiry Centre
351 St. Joseph Blvd.
8th Floor, Place Vincent Massey
Gatineau, QC  K1A 0H3
T: (819) 997-2800 or 1-800-668-6767
F: (819) 994-1412
E: sciencehorizons-cv@ec.gc.ca

Shell Environmental Fund

Submission Deadline
March.

Focus
Funding will be provided to grassroots, action-oriented projects that improve, restore or protect the Canadian environment in three categories - land, air and water.

Land:
• protecting and restoring sensitive and natural areas
• biodiversity and wildlife protection and management
• reducing environmental footprint

Air:
• reducing emissions that contribute to air pollution
• climate change and offsets
• promoting or demonstrating energy efficiency

Water:
• improving water quality
• sustainable water use
• responsible management or awareness of watershed and water related issues

Who Can Apply
The following groups are eligible to apply for a $25,000 grant:
• community groups
• community associations
• municipalities
• Aboriginal organizations
• educational institutions k-12 to post-secondary
• Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)/provincially registered environmental organizations

The following groups are eligible to apply for $50,000 and $100,000 grants:
• Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)/provincially registered environmental organizations

Funding
Grants will be awarded in the amounts of $25,000, $50,000 and $100,000. All projects approved for participation in the program will receive $10,000 towards their project! That means, if an organization does not receive funding at one of the three levels, they will still receive $10,000 just for making the participation list.

Website
http://www.shell.ca/home/content/canen/environment_society/shell_in_society/social_investment/environment/shell_environmental_fund/

Contact Information
T: (403) 691-3904
Silverhill Institute Grants

Submission Deadline
Normally February.

Focus
Projects must have a Canadian or North American focus. The projects that are eligible must be applied and contribute to overall environmental protection and improvement. Projects must have the potential to lead to improvement of environmental conditions in the near or immediate term.

Topics must:
• have an applied environmental or conservation focus
• have potential to contribute to community benefit

Who Can Apply
Only students in a master’s program are eligible with at least one more full year of graduate work ahead of them.

Funding
$2,500, and smaller awards of $500.

Website
http://www.silverhillinstitute.com/application.html

Contact Information
Silverhill Institute for Environmental Research and Conservation
c/o 7501 Keele St., Suite 300
Concord, ON L4K 1Y2
Attn: Dr. Peter Homenuck, RPP
E: peter@silverhillinstitute.com

Strategic Project Grants

Submission Deadline
April 15.

Focus
Target areas:
• environmental science and technologies
• information and communications technologies
• manufacturing
• natural resources and energy

Who Can Apply
To be eligible as an applicant or co-applicant, you must hold or have a firm offer of an academic appointment at an eligible Canadian university at the time of application. The appointment can be:
• a tenured, tenure-track or lifetime professor emeritus position, or
• a term or contract position of no less than three years.

Funding
Varies, up to three years.

Website

Contact Information
T: (613) 995-1111
E: strgr@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) Environmental Funding

Submission Deadline
At least three months prior to the start date of your project. We will contact you within 120 days of receiving your application. Please note that many TD FEF Boards do not meet during the months of July, August and December.

Focus
Projects that focus on:
• protecting and preserving the Canadian environment
• assisting young Canadians in understanding and participating in environmental activities
• supporting urban renewal such as environmental projects to rejuvenate smaller or at-risk neighbourhoods and “main streets”
• enhancing cooperation among environmental organizations

Who Can Apply
• Organizations must be Canadian, using the funds in Canada and they must be not-for-profit with a Charitable Registration Number.
• Schools, municipalities and First Nations groups are also eligible.
• Organizations must be able to provide a charitable tax-receipt for the full amount of donation.

Funding
$500 to $5,000

Website
http://www.fef.td.com/index.jsp

Contact Information
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Vancouver, BC V7Y 1A2
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Undergraduate Student Research Awards Program

Submission Deadline
Set by each university.

Focus
Natural sciences and engineering.

Who Can Apply
To be eligible to apply for an award, you must:
• be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
• be registered, at the time you apply, in a bachelor’s degree program at an eligible university
• have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of “B” or “B-”, if applicable) as defined by your university

Funding
$4,500, plus organization contribution for a full 16-week period.

Website

Contact Information
T: (613) 947-0428
E: scholl@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

W. Garfield Weston Award for Northern Research (Doctoral)

Submission Deadline
January.

Focus
Projects from all natural science subject areas will be considered, provided they include a field research component conducted within the term of the award in the Canadian North.

Who Can Apply
Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada enrolled full-time at a Canadian university. Candidates must be in the second or third year of a doctoral program.

Funding
$40,000

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/awards-2/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6

W. Garfield Weston Award for Northern Research (Master's)

Submission Deadline
January.

Focus
Projects from all natural science subject areas will be considered, provided they include a field research component conducted within the term of the award in the Canadian North.

Who Can Apply
Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada enrolled full-time at a Canadian university. Candidates must be in the first 13 months of a master's program at the time of application and, at the time of receipt of the award, must have received approval of their research proposal, including any required ethical review and/or research license.

Funding
$15,000

Website
http://acuns.ca/website/awards/awards-2/

Contact Information
CNST Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6
The Water Policy Fellowships*
*NOTE: This program is currently on hold. Check the website for changes.

Focus
Funding through the Fresh Water Resources Protection program has three objectives:
• Sustainable watershed governance: To encourage policies and programs that foster an integrated watershed management approach that embeds conservation and demand management as the foundation of water management.
• Groundwater conservation: To support better understanding and appropriate management of our groundwater resources.
• Transboundary water security: To foster Canadian capacity for effective governance of transboundary waters.

Funding
$15,000 each

Website
http://www.wdgf.ca/about-us/people/water-fellows

Contact Information
Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation
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Toronto, ON M5E 1W1
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F: 416-601-1689
E: tim@gordonfn.org

Wildlife Habitat Canada Conservation Grants

Submission Deadline
November 1 each year.

Focus
Focus must be on one of the following:
• Focus on direct (on the ground) interventions related to habitat conservation, restoration or enhancement in wetlands that are associated with waterfowl species (and allow continued access for migratory game bird hunting, where applicable).
• Deal with (wetland) habitat acquisition/securement for waterfowl species (where applicable, such projects should allow continued access for migratory game bird hunting).
• Are research proposals supported by the scientific or technical committees associated with one of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Habitat Joint Ventures in Canada.
• Promote the contribution of hunters to habitat conservation.
• Support habitat conservation networking activities and events, including national or regional stewardship activities.

Who Can Apply
Anyone can apply, but recipients tend to be affiliated with an organization involved in conservation.

Funding
$46,000 (2010 average). Wildlife Habitat Canada can only contribute up to a maximum of 50% of the total project cost and, therefore, projects must have the support of multiple partners.

Website
http://www.whc.org/conservation/conservation-grants

Contact Information
Wildlife Habitat Canada
120 Iber Road, Suite 207
Ottawa, ON K2S 1E9
T: (613) 722-2090 or 1-800-669-7919 (toll-free)

The Wildlife Health Research Fund (WHRF)

Submission Deadline
February 15 each year.

Focus
Applied research in health and disease of free-ranging wildlife and fish in western and northern Canada. The research might deal with disease in terms of conservation, welfare, management or ecology.

Who Can Apply
Only faculty members of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine are eligible to hold grants from the WHRF. Professionals who are not WCVM faculty members may serve as collaborators.

Funding
From $1,000 to $15,000.

Website
http://www.usask.ca/wcvm/research/research_funds/wildlife_health_research_fund.php

Contact Information
Dr. Baljit Singh, Acting Associate Dean, Research
Western College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Saskatchewan
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T: (306) 966-7068
F: (306) 966-8747
Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) Research Project Funding

Submission Deadline
Proposals are presented at the December meeting of the Council.

Focus
Wildlife management and ecological monitoring on the Yukon North Slope.

Who Can Apply
Proposals must come through Parks Canada, Yukon Government or the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Funding
$175,000 total each year, with some variation.

Website
http://www.wmacns.ca/current/projects/

Contact Information
Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)
P.O. Box 31539
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6K8
T: (867) 633-5476
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E: wmacns@web.ca

Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) Research Project Funding

Submission Deadline
December each year.

Focus
Wildlife management and ecological monitoring in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) within the Northwest Territories.

Who Can Apply
Federal departments, including Northwest Territories Government or the Canadian Wildlife Service as well as organizations or researchers. The federal departments have traditionally done the majority of the projects, however, organizations and researchers can and have had projects funded.

Funding
Total funding of $1,000,000 per year.

Website
http://www.jointsecretariat.ca/wmacnwt.html

Contact Information
The Joint Secretariat - Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
P.O. Box 2120
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
T: (867) 777-2828
E: wmacnwt@jointsec.nt.ca

For more information on various funding agencies and sources, check out the "Identification of Environmental Research Funding Sources" (GNWT 2011) report on-line at:
Writing a Successful Funding Proposal

Develop a problem statement and solution.

Your project must address or solve a problem. Identify the broad problem and the real problem. Outline how you intend to address the problem (see example). Remember, there are always multiple approaches to addressing a problem.

**What is your organizations BROAD problem?**

Our community has noticed changes in the plants and animals that live in the water.

**What is the REAL problem?**

Fewer people harvest traditional food and use medicinal plants because of these changes.

**How will you address the problem?**

We think it is linked to changes in the water, but we don’t know how. The available information is fragmented. Our community wants to look at all the information about water in our area to identify our monitoring priorities and begin monitoring.
A Written Proposal

Proposals will vary depending on the funding program. The following describes some main components of a proposal:

Cover Letter:
Introduces your organization, outlines the purpose for submitting the proposal and states how your project fits within the focus of the funding agency.

Title Page:
Includes the funding program by number and name; deadline for submission; the name of the organization that is submitting the proposal, with a contact person’s name and phone number.

Executive Summary:
A one-page summary including the project title, contact person, a statement of the problem, a brief summary description of the project and a two to three sentence statement of the expected results. Use short and concise sentences when writing the executive summary.

Project Summary:
The summary should be brief and descriptive. It should contain logical and chronological descriptions of your project goals and objectives, events and components required by the funder, and explanation of any major budget items.

Body:
The body of the proposal should include the budget, the timelines, details of the project, and any other information not previously detailed.

Appendices:
The appendices can include biographies of key personnel, letters of support, descriptions of equipment needed and a list of advisors and/or board members. Always follow the guidelines and page limits.

For more resources regarding writing tips, visit the NWT Literacy Council at http://www.nwt.literacy.ca
The writing tips identified in this calendar are based on information provided at the course Proposal Writing for Aboriginal Communities (INFONEX).