

2023 GRADUATE STUDIES AWARD

Objective

The objective of the Beedie Luminaries Graduate Studies Award is to offer Beedie Luminaries alumni the opportunity to pursue graduate studies. The award will support Beedie Luminaries who demonstrated strong engagement with the Beedie Luminaries program, community, and peers during their undergraduate studies.

The graduate studies award provides additional financial and wrap-around support, for up to 10 Beedie Luminaries students annually who plan to pursue eligible graduate programs in their chosen fields at public post-secondary institutions across Canada.

Value

- Up to \$25,000 per year (renewable for up to 2 years)*

*A program tuition budget will be required for the total scholarship program amount approval.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, a candidate must:

- be a current or past Beedie Luminary Scholarship recipient, including students in the SPARK and RISE Programs in their final year of study
- begin their graduate studies within two years of completing their first undergraduate degree
- have applied, or will apply, for full-time admission (or full-time equivalent) at an eligible Canadian institution for an eligible graduate program, which may be one of the following:
 - a master's program
 - a direct-entry doctoral program (entering directly from a bachelor's program without having ever been enrolled in any graduate programs)
 - a combined master's-doctoral program
 - a fast-track master's program that will transition to an eligible doctoral program, either before or after award activation, with no master's degree conferred
 - a master's program for which the degree requirements will be completed before the end of the award, allowing the award to continue into an eligible doctoral program.
 - second undergraduate degree in MD, JD, Teacher Education PDP.

- demonstrate their research or professional goals
- not be concurrently holding any other scholarships, bursaries, or student financial awards in the amount of \$10,000 per year or greater (excluding student loans).

Please note: SPARK Candidates must maintain their original program admission eligibility of being a single parent, with no spouse (regardless of marital status) or common-law partner present, living in a dwelling with one or more dependent children*. See full eligibility criteria in the SPARK Program Guidelines.

***Dependent child:** An unmarried child, stepchild, adopted child or legal ward, supported by the applicant, who is:

- Under 18 years of age; or
- Under 21 years of age and registered in full-time school, university or vocational institute which provides a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree; or
- Of any age who, because of mental or physical infirmity, is accepted as a dependent for income tax purposes.

Graduate certificates, professional designations, executive master's programs, are examples of programs not eligible by the Beedie Luminaries Graduate Studies Award.

Eligible Institutions

All public post-secondary institutions recognized in Canada, excluding private and theological schools.