

2024 GRADUATE STUDIES AWARD

Objective

The objective of the Beedie Luminaries Graduate Studies Award is to offer Beedie Luminaries students and recent alumni the opportunity to pursue graduate studies. The award is intended to 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)*

*The total scholarship value will be subject to an overall program tuition.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, a candidate must:

- be a current or past Beedie Luminary Scholarship recipient, including students from the SPARK, RISE, and Grade 12 programs.
- apply for the Graduate Studies Award in the final year of their first undergraduate degree studies or within two years from the date their first undergraduate degree was conferred.
- have completed their undergraduate studies within six years or less from the time of first admission and the Beedie Luminaries initial scholarship award.
- have applied for admission, OR is waiting to hear from the graduate studies school, OR have already been accepted into a graduate studies school.
- begin graduate studies in 2024 at an eligible Canadian institution for an eligible full-time graduate program (or full-time equivalent), 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, DMD, PharmD, and DVM;
- demonstrate their research or professional goals;
- not be concurrently holding any other scholarships, bursaries, or student financial awards in the amount of \$5,000 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.