

PROGRAM GUIDELINES
**GRADUATE
STUDIES
AWARD**



2025 APPLICATION CYCLE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$12,500 CAD per year for a maximum of 4 years or until degree completion—
whichever comes first.

Funding depends on the length and type of program:

- **Teacher Education Program (PDP):** Funded for 1 year.
- **Master's Degrees:** Funded for up to 2 years.
- **Professional & Combined Programs (MD, JD, DMD, PharmD, DVM, Combined Master's/PhD):** Funded for up to 4 years.

The annual payments will be as follows:

- \$12,500 paid to the institution in one annual installment directly to the recipient's graduate program.
- Funds remaining in the account after covering the tuition and student fees should be applied toward school-related and living expenses.

In addition to the financial support, the recipients of the GSA will continue to receive student support, including:

- Student Success Program;
- Mentors;
- Peer support groups;
- Special events & workshops;
- Digital community group;
- Career guidance.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the 2025 Cohort, a candidate must:

- Be a current or past recipient of the Beedie Luminaries Scholarship and have completed their undergraduate studies (SHINE, RISE, or SPARK).
- Have been accepted or have applied to an eligible graduate studies program.
- Begin full-time graduate studies in the 2025-2026 Academic Year at an eligible Canadian institution.
- Apply for the Graduate Studies Award only once to ensure equitable access and provide opportunities for all eligible applicants.

Eligible Institutions:

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

FIELD OF STUDY/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Eligible programs include:

- Teacher Education Program (PDP).
- Master's program.
- Direct-entry doctoral program (for students entering from a bachelor's program without prior graduate enrollment).
- Combined master's-doctoral program.
- Fast-track master's program that transitions into a doctoral program (before or after award activation).
- Master's program completed before the award end date, allowing the award to continue into a doctoral program.
- Second undergraduate degrees in MD, JD, Teacher Education PDP, DMD, PharmD, or DVM.

Graduate certificates, professional designations, and executive master's programs are not eligible for the Beedie Luminaries Graduate Studies Award.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Students must begin post-secondary studies in the 2025 -2026 Academic Year. Deferrals are not permissible.
- If a student is awarded a Graduate Studies Award (GSA) but is not admitted into their graduate program, the Scholarship Program may, depending on the circumstances, hold the application for consideration in the following year.
- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the student fails to make appropriate academic progress (according to the individual school's criteria), withdraws from full-time attendance at the selected institution, or commits an infraction or crime (e.g., infraction such as breaching a school's code of conduct or engaging in plagiarism).
- The Beedie Luminaries scholarships for SHINE, SPARK, BUILD, RISE and Graduate Studies Awards are limited to a maximum of 2 people in the same family (regardless of home address).
- SPARK candidates must maintain their original program admission eligibility as 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.

DEFINITIONS

Dependent Child: An unmarried child, stepchild, adopted child or legal ward, supported by the applicant, who resides in the applicant's place of residence for more than 50 percent of each month and relies on the applicant for the necessities of life, and is:

- Under 18 years of age; or
- Under 21 years of age and at the time of application registered in full-time studies at a post-secondary institution pursuing a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree;
- 21 years of age or older and dependent on the applicant due to a physical or mental condition, and eligible for the Canada Caregiver Credit.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Beedie Luminaries selection of the GSA scholarship recipients will be conducted in two phases:

Phase 1: Each eligible application is read and scored by a minimum of two experts on the Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee. The Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee may invite some shortlisted candidates for an interview.

Phase 2: The Beedie Luminaries Foundation will meet to determine the 2025 recipients. All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process, once available.


Please refer to our website for the selection process timeline. Once the selection process is complete, decisions are irrevocable.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Personal circumstances and attributes.
- Level of engagement with the Beedie Luminaries program, its community, and peers during undergraduate studies.
- Clarity of the applicant's educational goals, and focused commitment.
- Responses to application questions and the overall quality of application.
- Other personal and academic achievements, contributions to the broader community, and/or other extracurricular activities.

APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

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