OBJECTIVE

For women, education is the key to gender equality, economic prosperity, better health and much more. For over a century, based on this belief, the CFUW has played an important and active role advocating for women's rights and leadership in all spheres of society. CFUW's work advancing women's education ensures that future women leaders are financially supported through their awards and fellowships. These fellowships and awards fund a range of graduate studies.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR 2027-2028

In the academic year 2027-2028, CFUW Charitable Trust will support **sixteen (16) awards for full-time graduate degree students** (Master's or Doctoral). Awards are valued between **$5,000-$20,000 for one year**. Applicants may apply for up to **two** awards.

Award	Field of Study/Eligibility	Value (CAD)	Number of Awards
Dr. Alice E. Wilson Awards	For a mature woman *returning* to Graduate study in any field, in Canada or abroad, *after an absence of at least three years.* There are four Awards (two for Master's study and two for PhD).	$5,000	4
The Massey Family Award	For a woman in a Master's or Ph.D. program in music or visual fine arts such as painting, sculpture, or textile arts, in Canada or abroad. There are two awards-one for Mater's study and one for Ph.D.	$5,000 (Master's) $5,000 (PhD)	2
Linda Souter Humanities Award	For a woman studying at the Master's or Doctoral level, in Canada or abroad. The Humanities include English Language and Literature, History, Philosophy, Film, Communications, or Cultures.	$6,000	1
École Polytechnique Commemorative Award	For a woman in any field, studying in Canada or abroad. The applicant must justify the relevance of her work to women. This award commemorates the 14 women students murdered at the École Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989.	$5,000 (Master's) $7,000 (PhD)	2
Bourse Georgette Lemoyne	The applicant must complete her application in French and must be studying in French for an advanced degree in any field, in Canada or abroad.	$5,000	1
Dr. Margaret McWilliams Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	For a woman who has completed at least one calendar year in a full-time doctoral program and is enrolled in full-time studies in Canada or abroad at the time of application.	$11,000	1

Ruth Binnie Fellowship *	For a woman who is enrolled in Master's level studies that focus on one or more aspect(s) of Human Ecology, Home Economics/Family and Consumer studies, in Canada or abroad. Special consideration will be given to a woman pursuing a post-graduate degree in Education.	$6,000	1
Canadian Home Economics Association (CHEA) Fellowship *	For a woman enrolled in a Canadian university for studies at the Master's or Doctoral level in Human Ecology, including Family and Consumer Sciences.	$6,000	1
CFUW Memorial Fellowship	For a woman enrolled in studies at the Master's level in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM), in Canada or abroad.	$8,000	1
CFUW Legacy Award in Memory of Kathryn Wilkinson	For a woman who has completed one calendar year of a full-time doctoral program at the time of application. The PhD thesis research/project must focus on advancing Gender Equality. It is not restricted to a specific field of study. The Fellowship is tenable in Canada or abroad.	$8,300	1
CFUW Indigenous Women's Award	For a Canadian Indigenous woman enrolled full-time in a Canadian university in such fields as law, medicine, nursing, and programs leading to a Master's degree in fields dealing with important Canadian Indigenous issues.	*Variable – up to $20,000. Renewable under certain conditions.	1

***Dr. Margaret McWilliams Pre-Doctoral Award:** Before applying, students must have completed one full year in the doctoral program.

***Ruth Binnie and CHEA Fellowships:** *The evolving studies in Human Ecology include: human nutrition, food science, housing/shelter and aesthetics, architecture, financial resource management, clothing and textiles, family relations, human sexuality, and human development.*

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:

- Identify as a woman.
- Are a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; or have proof of status as a Protected Person from Immigration and Citizenship Canada (claimants are not eligible to apply).
- Have enrolled or have been accepted to a full-time Master's or Doctoral program, at an accredited university, for the 2027-2028 academic year, as of the application deadline, and as stipulated in the requirements for each award.
- Have enrolled full-time for the 2027-2028 academic year and graduating spring 2028 or later.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- **The program is open to the first 225 submitted applications.**
- Applicants may apply for up to **two** awards.
- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted into a full-time graduate degree program for the 2027-2028 academic year at an accredited university as stipulated in the requirements for each award. Proof of registration will be required at time of application (transcripts will not be accepted.)
- If you have not yet started your program, a letter of acceptance will be required at time of application.
- If approvals of ethical reviews and/or research are required, the dates of approval reviews and final acceptance must be included in the application.
- A multi-disciplinary committee will review the applications. As such, technical terminology should be kept to a minimum.
- Please note that the following programs are NOT eligible:
    - Undergraduate programs
    - Part-time or summer-only graduate programs
    - Certificate programs
- Successful applicants must continue to be enrolled at the university cited in their application throughout the tenure of the award. Proof of registration will be required before funds are released.
- Any changes to research program and/or project or project supervisors must be pre-approved by CFUW for the applicant to continue receiving her award.
- A CFUW Fellowship or Award is not divisible.
- CFUW Fellowships and Awards are non-renewable.
- Award recipients:
    - may receive only one CFUW fellowship or award each year.
    - will not be awarded the same Fellowship or Award in consecutive years.
    - can hold other awards concurrently.
    - may receive a maximum of **three** CFUW Fellowships and Awards during their lifetime. A maximum of two awards will be given for the same academic degree.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application no later than **January 11th, 2027, at 3:00 PM EST** by visiting https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/CFUW_EN/

Detailed instructions can be found in the application. Your application must be complete to be evaluated, and deadline extensions **will not** be granted.

The two parts to the application are:

1. **Application Form:** Please read the application guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the form. The form includes the following:
    - Statement of intent outlining your thesis or project plan.
    - Academic CV outlining your academic achievements, publications, scholarly interests, and skills developed because of academic degrees and related experience.
    - Proof of registration **or** letter of acceptance if you have not yet started your program.

2. **Referee Assessment Forms:** Submit **two** referee assessment forms. At least one of these assessments must be completed by an *academic* reference. The second assessment can be either from an academic reference or from a person familiar with your personal history.

   The referee assessment form is available for download from the online portal. A reference will only be accepted if completed using this form. Ask each referee to complete and return the form so you can upload and save it with your application. You are responsible for advising the referee of the application deadline and giving them enough time to complete the assessment form.

Notes:

- Applicants are not required to submit transcripts.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI tools can be useful in completing your scholarship application however your essay/Letter of Intent should mirror your own voice and unique thoughts. So, let AI support you, but you ensure that what you submit is genuinely yours.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarship Partners Canada will confirm the eligibility of applicants before forwarding applications to CFUW Charitable Trust's selection committee for review, evaluation, and selection of award winners. The CFUW committee assesses applicants based on academic accomplishments and/or performance, future potential, and capacity to be a leader in her chosen field of study.

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process in **June 2027**.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge their acceptance of the terms and conditions/restrictions of the award by signing an award contract. They will also be required to forward any additional documentation needed to process payment of the award, such as a social insurance number (SIN) and/or banking information.

It is the responsibility of the award winner to keep Universities Canada/SPC and the CFUW Charitable Trust informed of any changes to their contact information by keeping this information current on the online portal.

Successful applicants should also note that their names, biographical information, and photographs may be used in promotional initiatives for the Canadian Federation of University Women. The Canadian Federation of University Women and the Charitable Trust asks that it be recognized in the acknowledgements of any publications resulting from work accomplished during the tenure of an award.

PAYMENT

- Payment will be made after the acceptance process and document review. It can take 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the method of payment.
- Award payment will be made by Universities Canada/SPC on behalf of the CFUW Charitable Trust. Payment will be paid to the successful applicant by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). **Please note that EFT payments can only be made to a Canadian bank account AND the bank account must be in the award recipient's name**.
- Note: The Dr. Margaret McWilliams Pre-Doctoral Award and the CFUW Memorial Fellowship Award are payable in two installments: August/September and December/January. The second payments are made when CFUW Charitable Trust receives reports of satisfactory progress from the supervisor.

The CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) is a non-partisan, self-funded organization of more than 6,500 members in 95+ clubs in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace. For more information about CFUW please visit www.cfuw.org.

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