



OPEN TO ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS! AGES FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP & BURSARIES



Only complete this section if you are a Canadian or International graduate student who will be conducting research or inquiry at or with *rare* and want to be considered for the Ages Foundation Research Fellowship & Bursaries program.

The *rare Charitable Research Reserve* has partnered with the Ages Foundation Fund to financially assist students in pursuit of higher education. The Ages Foundation Research Fellowship & Bursaries program will allow students to study in a relatively undisturbed, yet highly accessible site in Waterloo Region. Applications that utilize multiple knowledge systems and diverse methodologies will be prioritized. The monetary awards will help ensure successful candidates have the necessary resources to conduct and report on their research at *rare*.

We support diverse, inclusive and equitable practices and approaches to environmental issues as we work toward meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples (self-identified and status First Nations, Métis & Inuit) of Turtle Island. We encourage applications from Indigenous students utilizing Indigenous and/or Western knowledge systems and methodologies.

We recognize that historical and present-day barriers exist that disadvantage Black, Indigenous, and other People of Colour (BIPOC) pursuing higher education. To support BIPOC graduate students making environmental contributions through science, art, and diverse inquiry, the Ages Foundation Fellowship includes a designated BIPOC award.

\$15,000 will be distributed annually through the application process and awards will be given out in the following amounts: one (1) \$5,000 award, one (1) \$5,000 BIPOC award, and up to five (5) \$1,000+ bursaries depending on the total number of outstanding applications received.

How to Apply:

1. *Applications must be submitted by midnight on April 1st each year to be considered.*
2. *New projects must submit a complete Research and Land Use Application accompanied by Appendix One. Ongoing or continuing projects at *rare* that have already submitted a Research and Land Use Application need only submit Appendix One to be considered.*
3. *Students will be required to provide a final report to *rare* one year after receiving the scholarship, which includes a list of any presentations or publications of the work to date.*
4. *The successful applicant will be notified on or before July 15th each year. The bulk of the prize will be awarded shortly thereafter while a small remainder (up to 25% of prize, depending on the quantity received) will be awarded by July 1st of the following year, upon submitting a final report to *rare*.*
5. *The recipient will retain all intellectual property rights.*
6. *IMPORTANT NOTE: please submit your application **at least four weeks** before your anticipated start date. This may mean submitting your application prior to the deadline to ensure your project can start on time.*
7. *It is highly recommended that you contact the *rare* Program Scientist to discuss your project in advance of applying.*

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APPENDIX ONE: APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME:

AFFILIATION:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Black, Indigenous, and other Persons of Colour (BIPOC) Award Eligibility

- By checking this box, I am self-identifying as a member of a visible minority group and indicating my eligibility for the BIPOC award.

INFORMATION ON PROGRAM EQUITY*

Completing this section is optional and will not impact the outcome of your application. Collected data will remain private and will be used to better understand applicant diversity and direct program resources.

Do you identify as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuk/Inuit? If yes, select all that apply.

- No Yes, Inuit/Inuk
 Yes, First Nations Yes, Another Indigenous Identity:
 Yes, Métis

If desired, please identify a specific First Nations band or community:

Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply. *We know that people of different races do not have significantly different genetics. But our race still has important consequences, including how we are treated by different individuals and institutions.*

- Black Middle Eastern
 East/Southeast Asian South Asian
 Indigenous White
 Latin American Another race category:

Which gender category best describes you? Select all that apply. *We know that gender is a multidimensional concept that includes psychological, social, and behavioural aspects. Gender may be different from sex assigned at birth and may be different from what is indicated on legal documents.*

- Male Two-spirit
 Female Other gender category:
 Non-binary

**This section is written and formatted under the guidance of the Ontario Anti-Racism Directorate and Stats Canada. If you are interested in sharing your feedback or have questions about this data gathering effort, please email stephanie.sobek-swant@raresites.org.*

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APPENDIX ONE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. What is the importance of your work within the local context of Waterloo Region?

2. Are there any specific challenges or barriers to your work that you hope this funding will support?

3. Please use this space to provide any additional comments or relevant points that have not been addressed in the application form.

Is the start of your project at **rare** contingent on receiving the scholarship or bursary? (This will not impact the outcome of your application, but allows for simultaneous review by research, environmental, and scholarship advisory committees if required).

Yes

No

Undetermined

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APPENDIX ONE: REFERENCES AND REVIEW

Please submit one letter of reference from an individual who can best assess your academic and/or Indigenous thought and knowledge credentials (this may include your supervisor). Letters can be submitted as an attachment to this application or, if preferred, they can be sent directly to research@raresites.org.

Please also provide the name, telephone number, and email address for **one additional reference** who can further assess your credentials.

Name:

Affiliation:

Email address:

Phone number:

Applicants are encouraged to recommend up to 3 qualified individuals for the review process of the Ages Foundation Research Fellowship & Bursaries application. As this program is open to a wide-range of disciplines and knowledge systems, this process is aimed to eliminate bias and ensure your application is reviewed by an expert in your field, along with individuals from **rare's** staff and advisory committees with a diversity of expertise. Applicants should take care not to recommend reviewers that have a conflict of interest (e.g. a direct collaborator or supervisor). Please include the first and last name, institution (if relevant), and contact information (email preferred) for each recommended reviewer.

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SIGNATURE:

DATE:

A letter of reference to accompany my application:

Is attached

Will be sent directly to research@raresites.org