



THE KILLAM FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS
TO STUDY IN CANADA DURING THE 2015/16 ACADEMIC YEAR

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Introduction to the Killam Fellowships Program

The Killam Fellowships Program provides opportunities for exceptional undergraduate students from universities in Canada and the United States to study in the neighbouring country for either one semester or a full academic year. Established in 2002 through a partnership between the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America (Foundation) and the American Killam Trusts, the goal of the program is to increase mutual understanding between Canada and the United States of America through a program of residential exchange. The program is open to all undergraduate students in good standing at four-year degree-granting institutions throughout Canada and the United States. Successful candidates will be full-time undergraduate students for the year they take up the award.

Students can apply either to the open competition program (self-placed) or the direct exchange program (partner institutions). **Please note that this application is suitable for either or both programs.** Undergraduate students in all fields of study are encouraged to apply.

Open Competition Program: Killam Fellows who participate in the open competition (self-placed program) will enroll as a fee-paying visiting student at their host institution. The applicant is entirely responsible to apply for admission to any of his/her chosen institutions. However, they may choose to apply for an existing exchange program through their home institution, and consequently, attend the host institution as an exchange student.

Direct Exchange Program: Killam Fellows who participate in the direct exchange program (partner institutions) will register at their home institution and attend the host institution as an exchange student and, during the course of their fellowship, will continue to pay tuition and fees to their home institution.

Award Provisions

All Killam Fellows (open competition and direct exchange programs) receive a cash award of US\$10,000 for a full academic year or US\$5,000 for one semester. They also receive a CA\$500 allowance to offset the cost of health insurance. The fellowship includes a number of enrichment opportunities covered by the Killam Mobility Program, including the Fall Orientation, a Cultural Awareness Grant, and the Spring Seminar. Recipients are expected to use the award to cover costs associated with their education.

Please note that all Killam Fellowships are subject to Internal Revenue Service and Revenue Canada regulations.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered for a Killam Fellowship to study in Canada, students must meet the following requirements at the time of application. The student must be:

- a citizen of the United States of America,
- a currently enrolled full-time undergraduate student (BA, BS or BAH [professional degrees are normally not eligible]) in good standing at an accredited degree-granting institution in the United States,
- expected to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in good standing during the 2015-2016 academic year, should he/she be selected for an award,
- expected to receive an undergraduate degree in the Spring of 2016 or beyond,
- meet the eligibility requirements and regulations of the home university,
- proficient in English, and in French, should the student plan to study at a French language institution,
- in possession of a superior academic record, and
- able to complete all steps of the application process prior to the published deadlines.

Please note that candidates of the direct exchange program must be nominated by their home university.



Application Process

Students applying from a partner institution for a direct exchange program opportunity, or for an open competition program opportunity, must submit their application to the appropriate office at their home institution by the deadline established by the home institution. The partner institution reserves the right to vet the submitted applications and select up to six semester of nominees (1 academic year = 2 semesters) and forward them to the Foundation for further consideration. They may, as well, submit as many applications as they deem appropriate to the open competition.

Students applying for a self-placed opportunity in the open competition must inform the appropriate office at their home institution of their intention to study abroad in the upcoming academic year and may submit their application either through their home institution or directly to the Foundation. The applicant is entirely responsible to apply for admission to any of his/her chosen institutions. However, they may choose to apply for an existing exchange program through their home institution, and consequently, attend the host institution as an exchange student.

The Foundation encourages all students to work closely with their study abroad office (or equivalent).

All applications forwarded to the Foundation will be evaluated by the Killam Fellowships Adjudication Committee. This independent selection committee will review each application based on the applicant's academic record, the personal statement, the letters of reference, and the overall fit to program. Applicants will be notified of their status in April.

Application Instructions

1. All forms in this application are to be completed in English and should be entered in a font not smaller than 10 point.
2. Every question must be answered completely and carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Please limit your responses to the space provided and submit only the items requested. Unsolicited materials will not be included in the review process.
4. Do not put material in a binder or folder. Use 8 ½" x 11" white paper for all attachments to the application form.
5. Please provide a narrative statement explaining why you want to study in Canada as a Killam Fellow. Limit your Personal Statement to one (1) single spaced page maximum, and in a 12 point font with 1 inch margins. Your Personal Statement should not be a mere listing of facts, nor should it repeat the content of your curriculum vitae/résumé. Please discuss what you hope to accomplish during your semester or year in Canada and how the experience fits with your current interests and future goals. Given that the Killam Fellowships Program seeks to further mutual understanding between Canada and the United States, please highlight any experiences that demonstrate your ability to adapt to other cultural settings, a willingness to share with or learn from others of different national identities, and your ability to serve as an ambassador for the United States.
6. Please provide a three (3) page maximum curriculum vitae/résumé, in a 12 point font with 1 inch margins. Your curriculum vitae/résumé should be in a clear and concise format (not in paragraphs), and should provide details, among other things, pertaining to your education, work and volunteer experience, scholarships, awards and achievements, interests and languages.
7. Please provide a course selection for the top three (3) choices for which you want to be considered, approved and signed by a student academic advisor at your home university. Please note that you must select undergraduate classes. Also, please be informed that some institutions may not provide classes in many of their specialized programs.
8. Students applying only for an open competition program opportunity must provide the mandatory and confidential reference forms (accompanying letters are optional) in sealed envelopes with the signature of the referee on the seal. At least one reference should be from a current or recent university professor.
9. Students applying for a direct exchange program opportunity must provide the mandatory and confidential reference forms (accompanying letters are optional) as instructed by the Killam Fellowships advisor at the home institution. At least one reference should be from a current or recent university professor.
10. Students applying for an open competition program opportunity must provide official transcripts in sealed envelopes.
11. Students applying for a direct exchange opportunity will provide official transcripts as instructed by the home institution.



Application Components

A complete application consists of these components, in the following order:

- a completed cover sheet and checklist,
- a completed, signed and dated Killam Fellowships Program application form,
- a personal statement (one (1) single-spaced page **maximum**),
- a clear and concise curriculum vitae/résumé (three (3) pages **maximum**),
- a course selection for the top three (3) choices for which you want to be considered, approved and signed by a student academic advisor at your home university,
- **two** reference forms (forms are mandatory, letters are optional) in sealed envelopes with the signature of the referees on the seals. At least one reference should be from a professor familiar with the student's work (*see application instructions for more details*),
- an official university transcript in a sealed envelope (*see application instructions for more details*),
- a photocopy of your passport (preferable), birth certificate, or other documentation that verifies citizenship,
- a report on French language proficiency, if your first language is not French and you plan to study at a French language institution.

Please note that candidates may also be asked to submit a TOEFL score.

Selecting a Host Institution

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their home institution approves the programs of study at their proposed host institutions and that these programs meet all of the requirements of the home institution.

For the direct exchange program, the Foundation will make every effort to secure an appropriate placement.

Applying to the Open Competition Program

If your institution is not a partner in the direct exchange program, students should apply directly for a Killam Fellowship and, at the same time, apply for admission to any of his/her preferred host institutions. However, students may choose to apply for a Killam Fellowship and concurrently for an existing exchange program through their home institution, and consequently, attend the host institution as an exchange student. Students attending a partner institution may also apply to the open competition program and apply for admission to any of his/her chosen non-partner Canadian institutions. Students attending a partner institution may choose to apply for a Killam Fellowship and, at the same time, for an existing exchange program (i.e. NSE) through their home institution, and consequently, attend the host institution as an exchange student.

**APPLICANTS IN THE OPEN COMPETITION SUBMIT ORIGINAL HARD COPY APPLICATIONS
DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR HOME INSTITUTION
POST-MARKED ON OR BEFORE February 2, 2015 TO:**

FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE KILLAM FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM
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Applying to the Direct Exchange Program

The following are partner institutions in the direct exchange program. For more information, please contact:

 <p>University Nomination is Required Leah Gates Office of Merit Awards Email: leah.gates@american.edu Phone: 202.885.1475</p> <p>American University deadline for nominations: October 22, 2014</p> <p>American University nomination decisions: October 31, 2014</p>	 <p>Janet M. Burke Associate Dean for National Scholarships Email: janet.burke@asu.edu Phone: 480.727.8204</p> <p>Arizona State University deadline for applications: January 6, 2015</p>
 <p>Susan Williams Global Studies Center for International Engagement 10 Shaw Road, Suite 330 Email: susan.williams@bridgew.edu Phone: 508.531.2421</p> <p>Bridgewater State University deadline for applications: December 19, 2014</p>	 <p>Meredith Fant Wilson Study Abroad Advisor Office of International Affairs E-301 Martin Hall Email: MFant@Clemson.edu Phone: 864.656.0579</p> <p>Clemson University deadline for applications: January 17, 2015</p>
 <p>Rachel Gould Cullenen Director of Study Abroad Office of International Programs Job Hall, 2nd floor Email: rcullenen@ithaca.edu Phone: 607.274.3306</p> <p>Ithaca College deadline for applications: January 23, 2015</p>	 <p>Ryan M Lewis Associate Fellowships Adviser Class Deans Offices College Hall 101 E-mail: rlewis@smith.edu Phone: 413.585.4920</p> <p>Smith College deadline for applications: November 15, 2014</p>
 <p>Christopher Kirkey Director, Center for the Study of Canada & Institute on Québec Studies Email: kirkeycj@plattsburgh.edu Phone: 518.564.2086 or James Armstrong Director, Honors Program Email: armstrjd@plattsburgh.edu Phone: 518.564.3075</p> <p>State University of New York, Plattsburgh deadline for applications: Please contact the Center for the Study of Canada & Institute on Québec Studies</p>	 <p>Orlina Boteva Study Abroad Advisor Office of International Programs 5727 Estabrooke Hall, Room 240 Email: orlina.boteva@maine.edu Phone: 207.581.1509</p> <p>University of Maine deadline for applications: Please contact the Office of International Programs</p>



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University of Miami deadline for applications:
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University of Texas at Austin deadline for applications:
December 1, 2014



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University of Washington deadline for applications:
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Vanderbilt University deadline for applications:
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Wellesley College deadline for applications:
January 15, 2015

If you have any questions, please contact:
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TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE
BY THEIR HOME INSTITUTION'S INTERNAL DEADLINE**