



## **Background**

In recognition of the legacy of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, CIBC is investing \$500,000 over two years in the education of tomorrow's healthcare professionals. The CIBC Future Heroes Bursary Program will inspire and support the next generation in their ambition of having a career in healthcare.

## **Number, value and duration of bursaries**

For the 2020/2021 academic year, one hundred and fifty (150) entrance bursaries will be available to students entering into their first year of a first degree, be it a bachelor or diploma, at eligible Canadian universities and colleges.

Please see the list of eligible programs and institutions below.

Each scholarship will be valued at \$2,500 CAD for a one-year award.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants must:

- Be accepted into full-time studies in the first year of a first degree, be it a bachelor or diploma, in the 2020/2021 academic year;
- Be attending an eligible institution, as identified in the list below;
- Be enrolled in an eligible program, as identified in the list below;
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Have a minimum cumulative average of 70% (or equivalent) over the last 3 terms of available marks\*. Non-academic courses such as career or personal development related courses will not be considered.

\*Universities Canada's policy on calculation of average has been developed in consultation with university and college admissions and financial aid officers from across the country. There is enormous diversity amongst the applicants for this scholarship program. The applicants come from different geographical regions and have reached various levels of studies. Furthermore, and of great significance, is the fact that the grading systems differ among educational institutions. It is Universities Canada's policy to calculate the academic average of applicants so that it reflects an academically well-rounded individual, while recognizing the differences in the programs of studies. For this purpose, the most recent, followed by the highest available grades of four courses will be considered. In the case of high school transcripts, the following categories will be considered: Language, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Sciences. Six courses are chosen for each applicant, with no more than two in each category. If there are not enough available courses, the calculation of academic average may be based on four or five courses.



## **Eligible institutions**

### **Atlantic:**

- College of the North Atlantic
- Dalhousie University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- New Brunswick Community College
- Nova Scotia Community College
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Prince Edward Island

### **Quebec:**

- McGill University
- Université Laval
- Université de Montréal
- Université de Sherbrooke

### **Ontario:**

- Algonquin College
- Centennial College
- Confederation College
- Lambton College
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University
- Queen's University
- Sault College
- Sheridan College
- University of Toronto

### **Manitoba:**

- Assiniboine Community College
- Brandon University
- Red River College
- University College of the North
- University of Manitoba
- Université de Saint-Boniface

### **Saskatchewan:**

- Cumberland College
- Northlands College
- Parkland College
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan



**Alberta:**

- Medicine Hat College
- Portage College
- Red Deer College
- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
- University of Alberta
- University of Calgary
- University of Lethbridge

**British Columbia:**

- Camosun College
- College of the Rockies
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria
- Vancouver Community College

**Territories:**

- Aurora College
- Nunavut Arctic College
- Yukon University

**Field of study**

**Eligible programs:**

- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Science
- Biostatistics
- Biotechnology
- Digital Health
- Epidemiology
- Gerontology
- Global Health
- Health Information Management
- Health Promotion
- Health Sciences
- Indigenous Health
- Laboratory Medicine
- Paramedic Care
- Personal Support Work
- Practical Nursing
- Pre-Health Sciences
- Pre-Medicine
- Public Health
- Registered Nursing



- Respiratory Therapy

Note: If you are studying in a collaborative program, at least one of the institutions must be eligible.

## **Conditions and restrictions**

- Students must commence their post-secondary studies on a full-time basis in the 2020/2021 academic year;
- CIBC reserves the right to modify or amend the CIBC Future Heroes Bursary program at any time without further notice.

## **Administrator**

Scholarship Partners Canada, a division of Universities Canada, administers this scholarship program on behalf of CIBC. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industry, communities, and institutions in other countries. Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 130 different scholarship programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit [www.univcan.ca](http://www.univcan.ca).

## **Selection process**

The selection of scholarship recipients is made by a committee of Canadian university and college representatives chosen by Universities Canada. CIBC exercises no influence in the adjudication process. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

Evaluation criteria:

- Financial need;
- Academic excellence;
- Essay submission highlighting the student's *personal ambition* in their chosen program and field.

Once available, applicants will receive confirmation by email of the results of the selection process.

## **Successful applicants**

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their scholarship in September. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward any required documentation such as proof of registration from the educational institution they will be attending. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Universities Canada informed of any changes to their contact information through the online student portal.



## Payment

- Scholarship payment will be issued upon completion of the scholarship acceptance process; and, review and acceptance of all required supporting documentation by Universities Canada;
- Universities Canada will forward scholarship payment to the educational institution on behalf of CIBC;
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that payment of tuition fees is made within the defined time frame set by the educational institution regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment;
- Payment by the institution to the student will be made in accordance with the normal practice of the educational institution;
- Note that, depending on method of payment, receipt of payment can take 6-8 weeks following the applicant's acceptance of the award.

## Application process

It is important that the individual who completes and submits the application (the applicant) is the individual who, if successful, will be the student receiving the scholarship. The applicant is considered the owner of the application and must be eligible for the scholarship as set out in the program guidelines.

### Online Application:

1. Submit an online application by visiting [https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/CIBC\\_En/](https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/CIBC_En/)
2. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted to Universities Canada no later than the application deadline of **1:00 PM EST, July 15, 2020.**
3. Documents will be reviewed by Scholarship Partners Canada staff to ensure all requirements have been met.
4. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email following processing by Universities Canada.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted by visiting [https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/CIBC\\_En/](https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/CIBC_En/) to review their scholarship application status.

## Supporting documentation

The supporting documentation described below is required as part of this application. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. Universities Canada will send a final follow-up email to the applicant on July 13, 2020 requesting any missing or incomplete required documentation. Any applicant submitting supporting documents after this date will not receive a follow-up email. Supporting documents must be received by Universities Canada on or before **1:00 PM EST July 15, 2020.**

### Transcript

Please provide a transcript for the period of September 2018 to December 2019. If the applicant was not enrolled during this time, please provide marks for the last available terms. Home school grades will only be accepted if they have been validated through a recognized, independent evaluation process. Transcripts may be uploaded to the online application, however an original copy may be requested at any a future time, in order to verify its authenticity.

**NOTE:** Recognizing the impact of COVID-19, Scholarship Partners Canada will accept unofficial transcripts, bearing the student's name and date, from student accounts where official transcripts are not available.



**CIBC Future Heroes Bursary  
2020 Program Guidelines**

**Documents must be uploaded to the application or sent directly to the email address below by 1:00 PM EST July 15, 2020.**

**Contact us**

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**PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, your application will be considered incomplete.**