

# Expression of Interest

Gaelic Language Bursary (Scotland)



An Expression of Interest may be submitted by individuals that:

- Are investing time and resources in learning Gaelic language and participating in Gaelic cultural expression in Nova Scotia
- Demonstrate a level of involvement in and connections to the Gaelic community in Nova Scotia
- Wish to use their skills and experiences in the future acquisition and use of Gaelic language to support the Gaelic language and cultural development work of the Gaelic community in Nova Scotia

## Overview

In an effort to support Gaelic language acquisition and use in 2011 the Scottish Government, via funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig established a Gaelic language bursary program.

Administered by the Office of Gaelic Affairs, this bursary program is designed to support Nova Scotia, Canada based Gaelic language learners with such costs as travel, meals and accommodation in Scotland as well as Scottish-based Gaelic language and cultural distance learning opportunities.

Awarded funding will be dependent upon number of successful applicants to program.

Deadline for submitting Expression of Interest is **September 30, 2022**.

## About you

### Give applicant information

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Street number\* Street address\* Suite

PO Box City/town\* County\* NS Province\* Postal code\*

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Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

## About your expression of interest

### Tell us about your application

Proposed start date\* (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed end date\* (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

## Attach your expression of interest as a separate document

Expressions of interest must comply to the following:

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Applicants must be permanent residents of Nova Scotia.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Applicants must provide a detailed letter outlining their experience in and commitment to language acquisition and use and their understanding and awareness of and participation in Gaelic culture in Nova Scotia.

Applicants must provide a letter of reference from a Nova Scotia Gaelic-based organization.

Applicants must provide a letter of acceptance confirming their enrollment in a Gaelic language-medium program through an institution and/or community-based initiative in Scotland.

Applicants must provide their social insurance number by phone and/or e-mail.

**Office of Gaelic Affairs Objectives and Anticipated Outcomes:** Describe how your expression of interest supports the objectives of the Office of Gaelic Affairs and how will you measure your Gaelic language learning progress and quantify your outcomes:

The work of Gaelic Affairs is focused on the renewal of Gaelic language and culture so these remain vital parts of Nova Scotia life. This involves facilitating the learning and passing on of the Gaelic language and creating greater appreciation of Gaelic culture.

The objectives of Gaelic Affairs are:

Through Gaelic language, culture and identity, promoting the value and contributions Gaels make to the province

Supporting innovative Gaelic language and cultural programs that meet the needs of the Gaelic community

Facilitating dialogue with government and community partners on strategies and policies that support Gaelic language and cultural development

Creating learning materials for use by instructors and Gaelic learners

Training support for Gaelic language instructors

Assisting and supporting Gaelic community initiatives and projects

Providing Gaelic language translation services

Collaborating with international partners to increase Gaelic language learning opportunities and cultural exchange

## Make it official

### Sign your application and agree to terms

- I certify that the information provided in this expression of interest package is true, correct, and

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complete in every respect. I understand that if it is not, the package may be considered ineligible.

- I confirm that I have carefully read the eligibility criteria for this program and that I meet the eligibility criteria.
- I understand that successful applicants must sign a “Terms and Conditions” letter that outlines the requirements and responsibilities that come with the funding.
- I understand that once funding is approved, any change to the proposal must have prior approval of the Office of Gaelic Affairs.
- I understand that the personal information collected on this form and in any attachments is protected by the privacy provisions of Section 26(a) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- I understand that, if successful, my name, and approved funding amount may be disclosed in accordance with the Office of Gaelic Affairs’ Routine Access Policy.
- I consent to the sharing of my information with other government departments, organizations, or contractors that the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage (including Gaelic Affairs, African Nova Scotian Affairs, and Acadian Affairs and the Francophonie) or Arts Nova Scotia has a data sharing agreement with.
- I accept all of the declaration statements above that are applicable to me as an applicant. I understand that not accepting these statements as true will affect eligibility for this funding application.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Submit your application package by mail or email

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