

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 March 15, 2021.

About you

Give applicant information

Applicant's name _____

Mailing address _____
Street number* Street address* Suite
PO Box City/town* County* NS Province* Postal code*

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.

Office of Gaelic Affairs Objectives and Anticipated Outcomes:

The work of Office 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 the Office 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
- Facilitate Gaelic language translation
- Collaborating with international partners to increase Gaelic language learning opportunities and cultural exchange

Describe in detail how your expression of interest supports the objectives of the Office of Gaelic Affairs and please writing how will you measure your Gaelic language learning progress and quantify your outcomes. Applicants will provide in detail:

- Their involvement in Gaelic language and cultural activities in their community
- Their efforts made to acquire and use Gaelic language, and the approximate language level they are currently at
- Their language goals and what they would like to achieve

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- Their plans to maintain their Gaelic language skills and share them with others
- Provide the name of one reference and their contact information who will support your letter of interest

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 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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