

Study Abroad in Canada Call for 2022 - 2023 ELAP Scholarships

The Office of Global Studies and Programmes is pleased to announce the 2022 – 2023 call for the **Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP)** scholarship opportunities.

Applications are due to globalstudies@ub.edu.bs by 5:00 pm on March 3, 2022.

The ELAP scholarship is facilitated through institutional collaborations and student exchange agreements between post-secondary institutions in Canada and the Caribbean. UB provides the names of eligible candidates to the Canadian partner institution. Canadian institutions submit applications on behalf of students to the relevant Government Agency.

The value of the scholarship is \$8200 (Canadian). It provides students with short-term exchange opportunities for one academic term of study or research in Canada. **Unless you are applying for Research, you must take a full course load at the Canadian institution.** For more information about this scholarship, visit this link: <https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/institutions/elap-pfla.aspx?lang=eng>

UB has exchange agreements with the following Canadian universities and colleges:

- Bishop's University, Quebec
- Brock University, Ontario
- Concordia University of Edmonton, Edmonton
- Dalhousie University, Halifax
- Mount Allison University, New Brunswick
- Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax
- Ontario College of Art and Design, Ontario
- St. Mary's University, Halifax
- Trent University, Ontario
- University of Canada West, Vancouver
- University of Guelph, Ontario
- University of Prince Edward Island, Prince Edward Island

Visit their websites to find out which university offers your degree programme. If the institution you would like to attend is not listed, please advise Ms. Shammond Knowles shammond.knowles@ub.edu.bs of the Global Studies Office.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be a citizen of: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Monserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and

Caicos, Uruguay, or Venezuela. **Persons who have Canadian citizenship or who have applied for permanent residency in Canada are not eligible;**

- be enrolled full-time at UB at the time of application;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher at the time of application; and
- pay tuition and fees to UB, as usual, for the semester they will spend in Canada as an exchange student (the ELAP scholarship and the Exchange Agreements require that students pay tuition to their home institution for the full duration of the exchange).

Other Conditions

- Be able and willing to serve as an ambassador for the university and The Bahamas;
- be willing to share their ELAP experience while in Canada via online presentations and in person upon return;
- display a high level of commitment to their studies, emotional maturity, intellectual curiosity, self-drive, interest in Canadian culture; and
- demonstrate a commitment to the local Bahamian community.

If you meet the requirements above and you want to apply for the ELAP scholarship, follow the application steps below. Contact the Office of Global Studies & Programmes at globalstudies@ub.edu.bs if you have questions about the application.

Application Steps

1. Research and choose the appropriate university for your degree programme. Ensure that the university will be offering courses you can take; or can facilitate the research project you wish to conduct, during the semester you plan to attend.
2. If you will be taking courses, identify **at least 8** specific courses that you want to take. Obtain the course description and syllabus for each course. Meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss and confirm your choices.
3. Complete and sign the **Study Abroad Course Approval Form**. The form must also be signed by your Academic Advisor and your Department Head. Use this link to access the form: <https://www.ub.edu.bs/academics/study-abroad-international/>
If you will be conducting research, you do not need to complete the **Study Abroad Course Approval Form**.
4. Prepare your **Letter of Intent (maximum one page, single spaced)**. This letter should include the university you are applying to, the semester (Fall 2022 or Spring 2023) you are applying for, the studies to be undertaken, the rationale for study in Canada and at the chosen institution, the programme of study, and your 8 courses of interest (include the Course Code and Title). Indicate how the courses you want to take will relate to your future career.

If you will be conducting research, clearly describe the nature of the research you will undertake. Include the names of the professor(s) at the host institution with whom you hope to study. Indicate how the proposed research will relate to your future career.

5. In **ONE** email, attach all documents (items A – E) listed below and send to: globalstudies@ub.edu.bs (**Subject line: Emerging Leaders of the Americas Program - ELAP Scholarship Application followed by your full name**). Use the check boxes to make sure you have included all the required documents.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A.	Proof of Citizenship:	A digitized copy of a valid passport or valid certificate of identity. (Drivers Licenses and NIB cards are not accepted as proof of citizenship).
<input type="checkbox"/>	B.	UB Transcript:	A digitized copy of your most recent transcript. It must show all the UB courses you have taken as well as those you are presently enrolled in.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C.	Study Abroad Course Approval Form:	This form must be signed by your Academic Advisor and Department Chair. Do not submit if you will be conducting research.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D.	Letter of Intent:	Make sure your letter includes the date, greeting, closing and your signature. The UB selection committee will carefully review this letter in which you make the case for why you should be selected to represent University of The Bahamas at your chosen Canadian institution. This is an ambassadorial role, and your letter should represent this level of importance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	E.	Privacy Statement:	Make sure to date and sign the statement. Access this link to download the statement. https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/non_can/notice-enonce.aspx?lang=eng

This is an incredible opportunity. We look forward to reviewing your application.

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