

# Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP)

## Application Details

### Description

The Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP) scholarships provide students from Latin America and the Caribbean with short-term exchange opportunities for study or research, in Canada, at the college, undergraduate and graduate levels.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be a citizen of: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, Uruguay, 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; and
- have a GPA of 3.4 or higher at the time of application.

### Other Conditions

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- have a valid passport or certificate of identity (valid at least until June 2021);
- be able to pay up front for airline ticket and housing (approximately US \$2,500). This money will be reimbursed to you during your first month in Canada; and
- return to UB after completing the study abroad semester. You must complete your final semester on campus (those seniors who will be graduating, please consider this).

### Scholarship Value

The ELAP scholarship value is \$7,200 (**Canadian**) for college, undergraduate or graduate students (Master's and PhD) for a minimum of four months or one academic term of study or research.

For more information about the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program visit this link:

<https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/institutions/elap-pfla.aspx?lang=eng>

## Application Steps

If you need assistance with the application steps please contact the Office of Global Studies & Programmes at [globalstudies@ub.edu.bs](mailto:globalstudies@ub.edu.bs) or 242-302-4300 Ext. 5207.

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 carry out 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 the chosen courses. Meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss and confirm your choices.
3. Complete and sign the **Study Abroad Course Approval Form**. This form is located on UB's website on the Global Studies & Programmes page. Ensure the form is signed by your Academic Advisor and your Department Chair.  
**If you will be conducting research, you do not need to complete the Study Abroad Course Approval Form.**
4. If you will be conducting research, clearly describe the nature of the research you will undertake in your Letter of Intent. Be sure to 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](mailto:globalstudies@ub.edu.bs) (Subject line: Emerging Leaders of the Americas Program - ELAP Scholarship Application followed by your full name). Tick each box in the checklist below to make sure you have included all of the required documents.
  - A. **Proof of Citizenship:** A digitized copy of a valid passport or valid certificate of identity. Applicants must be citizens of one of the countries mentioned in the "Eligibility" section above. Persons who have Canadian citizenship or who have applied for permanent residency in Canada are not eligible.
  - B. **Transcript:** A digitized copy of your most recent transcript that shows the UB courses in which you are presently enrolled.
  - C. **Study Abroad Course Approval Form:** The form must be signed by your Academic Advisor and Department Chair. **NB: only submit if you are taking courses.**
  - D. **Letter of Intent:** This letter should include the university you are applying to, the semester (Fall 2020 or Spring 2021) you are applying for, the studies to be undertaken, the rationale for study in Canada and at that particular institution,

the programme of study and courses of interest, and any professor(s) at the host institution with whom you hope to study. You must also indicate how the proposed program of study or research will relate to your future career.

The UB selection committee will carefully review this letter in which you make the case for why you should be the student to represent University of The Bahamas and The Bahamas in Canada. This is an ambassadorial role and your letter should represent this level of importance. (Letter should be a **maximum of one page**, single spaced).

- E. **Privacy Statement:** access the link to download and complete.  
[https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/non\\_can/notice-enonce.aspx?lang=eng](https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/non_can/notice-enonce.aspx?lang=eng)

## DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

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