**Major LFS Departmental Awards**

**Application Instructions**

**2021-2022**

* Academic merit-based fellowships
* Available only for **full-time students registered in research-based (thesis) programs**

**Eligibility:**

1. No citizenship restrictions unless otherwise noted*.*
2. Students need one (1) reference letter from academic referees to support their application.
3. Other factors considered during the selection process include those scoring criteria listed in Appendix II.

**Eligible Years of Funding**

**Master's level funding**Master’s students are eligible to receive funding during the first 24 months of full-time enrolment at the graduate level.

**Doctoral level funding**

* PhD students are eligible to receive funding during the first 48 months of full-time enrolment.
* Students who proceed directly for a Bachelor's or equivalent program to a doctoral program are eligible to receive funding during the first 48 months of their PhD program.
* Students transferring from a UBC Master's to a PhD program without completing the Masters:  consistent with UBC academic policies, the start of the PhD programs for these transfer students will be the date of first registration in the Master's program.  Hence, a student who transfers to a PhD after one year of Master's study will be eligible for the next three years.

**Application Process**

**Student Responsibility**

1. **Inform the G&PS office via email addressed to lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca by June 30** of your intention to submit a 2021-2022 LFS Major Awards Application. This allows the office to prepare transcripts and contact students prior to application deadline in cases where documents may be missing, etc.
2. Prepare **application:** No handwritten applications will be accepted. **No CVs or resumes will be accepted**. Email completed application to **lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca** by the application deadline. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Do not exceed the word limit per entry. Anything submitted in excess of the limit will be truncated prior to submission to committee for review unless otherwise stated.
4. Obtain **transcripts:** Students may ask the LFS G&PS office **lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca** to photocopy the transcripts currently in their file, as long as they are current. UBC transcripts are not required.
5. **Reference Letter:** ONE (1) reference letter is to be sent directly to [**lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca**](mailto:lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca)prior to the application deadline (email preferred). The referee should be an academic. The reference must include the title/rank of the Referee and should be sent from their institutional email address. Ideally, the reference should provide details that otherwise may not be available in the application as outlined in Appendix II.

**Award Start Dates**

Land and Food Systems Scholarships are normally awarded for the academic year from September 1 - August 31.

**Award End Dates**

Students will receive the full amount of their award unless they voluntarily withdraw from their programs or are required to withdraw. Note: students on approved leaves will have their award payments suspended until their return to full-time registration.

**Appendix I**

**Awards and Descriptions**

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| **Award Number**  **Eligible Program** | **Scholarship Name**  **Award Description** |
| **#4819**  **ALL** | **Leonard S. KLINCK Memorial Fellowship**  Fellowships totalling $15,150 have been endowed by the late Dean Emeritus Blythe Eagles and Violet E. Eagles on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the University. The award is to honor Leonard S. Klinck, the first Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (1914-1919) and second President of the University (1919-1944). The award is offered to students registered in Graduate Programs in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems and are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. |
| **#4848**  **ALL** | **Mary and David MACAREE Fellowship**  Fellowships totalling $66,850 have been endowed through a bequest by Mary Macaree (B.L.S. 1963) and David Macaree (M.A. 1960) for graduate students in Land and Food Systems or Forestry whose research is relevant to sustainability of agricultural or forest resource ecosystems. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems and the Faculty of Forestry in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. |
| **#6303**  **AABI**  **FOOD**  **HUNU** | **Wilson HENDERSON Fellowship**  A $11,450 fellowship has been endowed through a bequest by Dr. Wilson Henderson. The award is offered to a graduate student in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems, with preference given to those studying in the field of avian nutrition. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and may be renewable for up to two years. |
| **#6323**  **ALL** | **NUTRITIONAL Research Fellowship**  Fellowships totalling $14,050 have been endowed for graduate students in Agricultural Sciences pursuing nutritional research. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. |

Listed award values are from 2020-2021. Final 2021-2022 award values - to be confirmed in July 2021

**Appendix II**

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| **CGSD** |  |  | <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp> |
| **Criteria** | **Weight** | **Description** | | |
| **Research ability and potential** | **50%** | ***Indicators of research ability and potential:*** | | |  | |
| **quality of research proposal:** -specific, focused and feasible research question(s) and objective(s) -clear description of the proposed methodology -significance and expected contributions to research | | |
| relevant training, such as academic training, lived experience and traditional teachings | | |
| research experience and achievements relative to the applicant’s stage of study, lived experience and knowledge systems | | |
| quality of contributions and extent to which they advance the field of research. Contributions may include: publications, patents, reports, posters, abstracts, monographs, presentations, creative outputs, knowledge translation outputs, community products, etc. | | |
| demonstration of sound judgment and ability to think critically | | |
| demonstration of responsible and ethical research conduct, including honest and thoughtful inquiry, rigorous analysis, commitment to safety and to the dissemination of research results and adherence to the use of professional standards | | |
| enthusiasm for research, originality, initiative, autonomy, relevant community involvement and outreach | | |
| ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats | | |
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| **Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia** | **50%** | ***Indicators of relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia:*** | | |
| scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration and prestige) | | |
| **Academic record:** | | |
| transcripts | | |
| duration of previous studies | | |
| program requirements and courses pursued | | |
| course load | | |
| relative standing in program (if available) | | |
| **Professional, academic and extracurricular activities as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community, such as:** | | |
| teaching, mentoring, supervising and/or coaching | | |
| managing projects | | |
| participating in science and/or research promotion | | |
| participating community outreach, volunteer work and/or civic engagement | | |
| chairing committees and/or organizing conferences and meetings | | |
| participating in departmental or institutional organizations, associations, societies and/or clubs | | |
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| **CGSM** |  | <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/pg-cs/cgsm-bescm_eng.asp> |
| **Criteria** | **Weight** | **Description** |
| **Academic excellence** | **50%** | ***As demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions.*** |
| **Indicators of academic excellence:** |
| academic record |
| scholarships and awards held |
| duration of previous studies |
| type of program and courses pursued |
| course load |
| relative standing (if available) |
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| **Research potential** | **30%** | ***As demonstrated by the applicant’s research history, their interest in discovery, the proposed research, its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and any anticipated outcomes.*** |
| **Indicators of research potential:** |
| quality and originality of contributions to research and development |
| relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research |
| significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research |
| judgment and ability to think critically |
| ability to apply skills and knowledge |
| initiative and autonomy |
| research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the candidate’s academic experience |
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| **Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills** | **20%** | ***As demonstrated by the applicant’s past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations.*** |
| **Indicators of personal characteristics and interpersonal skills:** |
| work experience |
| leadership experience |
| project management including organizing conferences and meetings |
| ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats |
| involvement in academic life |
| volunteerism/community outreach |
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***Any Questions? Please contact:***

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