

Research Grants

James Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography

The James Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography is awarded annually by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society. It is for students enrolled in a Master's program at a Canadian university and engaged in thesis research on the human geography of Canada.

This studentship was named in honour of James Maxwell, a former Executive Director of The Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

The Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography will be awarded annually, if applications so merit, to a student in a Masters program at a Canadian university engaging in thesis research on the human geography of Canada. The Studentship is valued at \$5,000 and is not renewable.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Students must be registered in a Masters program with a thesis requirement at a Canadian university, and must propose a research topic that addresses some substantive element of human geography of Canada. Any Masters program that allows for such a focus is acceptable. The Studentship will normally be awarded to a student (full-time or part-time) whose course work will be completed by the May following the application deadline.

Deadline

The deadline for receipt of applications is **March 15th**. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Confirmation of receipt will be mailed. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

NOTE: We are now accepting applications for 2010.

Application Procedure

No application form is provided. Applications **MUST** conform to the following format.

Do Not Submit Résumé

Items 1 through 9 must not exceed two (2) 8½ x 11 pages using one inch margins and a font that prints no more than twelve (12) characters per inch. Please use capitals for section headings and leave two lines between sections. Use a word processor or typewriter to provide **ONLY** the information requested, using the headings listed below and formatted as indicated:

1. Surname, Given Name
2. Social Insurance Number
3. Address (mail, telephone, e-mail, fax - list all available)
4. Current Program
5. Degrees (and other post-secondary qualifications)
6. Proposed Thesis Title
7. Academic Awards (if applicable)
8. Related Employment Experience (if applicable)
9. Names and Addresses (as in item 3 above) of Two Referees

In addition, please provide the following:

10. Referees' Evaluation

Included with the submission must be two (2) evaluations of your academic performance and the proposed thesis research by faculty who are familiar with your work. Applicants are responsible for providing EACH referee with a copy of the Description of Research (item 11) and ensuring that the evaluation, not more than one page single-spaced, be returned to them in a SEALED envelope in time for inclusion in their submission to the Society. One of the referees will normally be the thesis supervisor.

11. Description of Research

This is to occupy no more than two (2) 8½ x 11 pages, single-spaced. It should provide a clear statement of the (1) focus of the research, (2) conceptual framework, (3) research methodology and data sources and (4) research budget.

12. University Ethics Clearance

Approval of the proposed research by the University Ethics Committee or other relevant body must be submitted where the research involves human subjects. For guidance, consult your faculty advisor or Faculty of Graduate Studies.

13. Transcripts

Submit transcripts of your post-secondary education to date. Photocopies are acceptable but may be verified by the Society.

Please address all submissions as follows:

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