



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP**

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Nuffield Canada Scholarship applications are accepted from **May 1 through June 30 each year**. The application process consists of both written answers and one-way video recorded answers. Before starting your application process, please ensure that you have access to a computer with a camera and video capabilities, strong Internet connectivity, and that you are dressed for success. You will get two chances to record your video answers (max. 3 minutes), however once you submit – that's it.

Nuffield Canada Scholarships are awarded to individuals with a passion for agriculture and a desire to expand their knowledge through a multi-week program of international study. A key component of their commitment is the sharing of their findings with others.

Applicants should be mid-career, between the ages of 25 and 50ish (guideline) with a minimum of five years agricultural business or farming experience, and the management ability to step away from current duties in order to pursue their studies. Scholars must travel for a minimum of ten weeks – all outside of Canada - with a minimum of six consecutive weeks in one leg of their travel. Nuffield scholarships are **not** for those involved in full-time studies or for the purpose of furthering existing research projects.

Scholars are required to complete their project within two years of winning the award, and to produce a written report (approx. 10,000 words) and present their findings and recommendations. Upon completion of their research project Nuffield Scholars are required to share the knowledge they gain for the betterment of Canadian agriculture. Nuffield Scholars are much sought-after employees, speakers, board members, advisors and mentors.

Nuffield Canada allows innovative Canadians the chance to explore issues and opportunities across all aspects of modern agriculture and food production. Scholars gain access to the best production, management and marketing systems in the world, and to a growing international Nuffield network that spans the globe.

Nuffield Canada recognizes its investors as key to the ongoing success of its programming. Their investment demonstrates their commitment to the promotion of research, education and expanded leadership capacity in Canadian agriculture through Nuffield Canada.

### **Final selections:**

Following the final selections, Nuffield Canada formally announces the successful applicants in a national news release. Briefing and travel preparation begin soon after.

### **If successful, you are responsible to:**

- Review and sign a contract with Nuffield Canada.
- Ensure you have a valid passport and organise relevant travel visas.
- Seek medical travel advice, including vaccinations.
- Nuffield does not have universal travel insurance, therefore you must obtain your own medical and travel insurance and send a copy of both your full policy and your card to the Nuffield Canada Chair and to Nuffield International Head Office.

### **Nuffield Canada's Annual General Meeting - MANDATORY**

- New scholars will be introduced at the Nuffield Canada AGM, to be held mid-January 2027 in Guelph, ON. Location and date of the AGM changes annually, typically alternating east to west.
- Spouses/partners do not attend the AGM events.

### **Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC) - MANDATORY**

- All Scholars must attend the CSC week, held in March of each year, in countries to be announced.
- The CSC includes new scholars and Nuffield officials from around the globe.
- Spouses/partners do not attend the CSC.
- Nuffield International will make all arrangements for the CSC. You will be required to complete some preparatory work for this conference.
- The cost of the CSC (currently US\$1900) which comes out of your scholarship, and does not include transportation to the event. Often scholars plan more travel before and or after the CSC.

### **Study Program - Mandatory**

- The study program commitment includes a minimum of 10 weeks of travel including:
  - Attendance at the Contemporary Scholar Conference counts towards the 10 weeks of travel.
  - Global Focus Tour: 5 weeks, optional.
  - Independent study: minimum of 9 weeks, 6 of which must be consecutive.
- The Nuffield International secretariat and the respective Nuffield country executives will be available to assist and guide you, where appropriate.
- You are strongly encouraged to compile and review information you have gathered on your travels as soon as possible to assist in drafting your report. *Writing about your issue while travelling will prove very helpful.*
- Your spouse/partner may participate in your individual study program.

### **Reporting - MANDATORY**

- You will report both in writing and verbally at the AGM approximately 2 years after the first formal announcement of your scholarship.
- The written report will be approximately 10,000 words in length.
- All reports are submitted to the Reports Committee by August 31 of your second year to be adjudicated. The Reports Committee will review your report and suggest revisions as necessary.
- Once your report is approved by the Reports Committee, it will recommend your report be accepted by the Board. The Board will also review your report, and if in agreement will pass a motion accepting your report.
- After your report has been accepted by the Board you will do your Scholar Presentation. This happens in-person at the AGM before the Board, sponsors, alumni, and peers. It is usually about 20 minutes for the presentations and about 10 minutes for questions. This AGM event will then celebrate your completion of the Nuffield Canada program and you will officially become a Nuffield Scholar.
- Your spouse, partner and family are encouraged to attend.
- As a new Scholar, you are expected to be available to present to relevant Nuffield and industry forums for at least 12 months after completion of your scholarship.

### **Global Focus Program (GFP) - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT MANDATORY**

- Nuffield Canada strongly encourages scholars to participate in a GFP.
- The cost of a GFP can \$15,000 or more over and above the scholarship, so scholars can elect to pay for the GFP themselves, or seek additional sponsorship to cover this investment.
- The GFP is organized by Nuffield Australia and expands to include scholars from other countries, as space permits.
- The duration of each GFP program is approximately 5 weeks.
- You will travel with approximately 8 to 10 other scholars for the duration of the GFP.
- There is a pre-arranged itinerary, visiting countries across three continents.

- GFP schedules usually become available in late fall of each year and includes 6 options held at different times of the year:

Brazil GFP	Brazil, Mexico, USA), Ireland, France and New Zealand
Africa GFP	Brazil, USA, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Kenya, South Africa
Chile GFP	Brazil, Chile, USA, Canada, Italy and Netherlands
China GFP	Singapore, Philippines, China, USA
India GFP	Singapore, India, Qatar, Turkey, USA
Japan GFP	Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, Israel,

- Your spouse/partner cannot accompany you on this component of the scholarship.
- An important part of your preparation will be joint tele-conferences with your GFP group to ensure the detail of your requirements and responsibilities are explained in full.

### **Scholarship Funds and Disbursement**

- The total scholarship disbursement is \$30,000.00
- Funds are dispersed in four payments:
  - \$7,000 upon contract signing (prior to Dec 26)
  - \$8,000 prior to CSC
  - \$10,000 on April 2027, less any CSC costs
  - \$5,000 upon receipt of approved report and presentation
- Please note that this scholarship amount will not cover all the costs associated with completing the requirements of this scholarship. A personal investment and or additional sponsorship will be required to fulfil the actual scholarship costs. Participating in the GFP will be above and beyond.

### **For more information, contact:**

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