

## Our Investors

Nuffield Canada, a registered charity, is committed to finding corporate sponsorship or providing funding for six scholarships each year. While corporate sponsors are sought out continually, they often only give conditionally to scholars that are studying a topic of interest to their sector and who come from their geographic area. However, candidates apply from all across Canada to study diverse topics, not all of which meet specific corporate sponsorship criteria. This frequently leaves a gap in funding which is then made up by Nuffield Canada.

Nuffield Canada is asking for your help to establish stable, long-term funding for our scholarships by supporting our 'Growing Agricultural Scholarships Campaign' so we are better able to plan and grow our program and maximize the leadership potential in Canadian primary production. This way we will be better able to support scholars from **all** regions of Canada and from **all** primary production sectors.

*"Nuffield connects you with a network of leading agriculturists around the world and gives you confidence and new ideas to lead your farm into the future. The opportunities that Nuffield presents are endless and the scholarship has given me a much more balanced opinion of the future of agriculture. I would encourage all farmers who are considering applying to take the plunge. The time and energy invested in the scholarship will continue to pay dividends throughout your career!"*

*~ Ryan Boyd, NSch. 2019, Manitoba*

Our goal is to raise \$1 million in support of scholarships. Each scholarship is valued at \$25,000 with the scholar receiving \$20,000 in direct support for research endeavours and \$5,000 is retained for program administration, scholar support, and ongoing alumni engagement. However, the Nuffield opportunity costs scholars a great deal more than what the scholarship covers both in expenses and time away from their businesses or work, so scholars are encouraged to find additional sponsorship or pay for the additional costs themselves.



**Nuffield Canada**  
AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### Mission Statement

Nuffield Canada inspires people to make a difference in the world of agriculture and primary production. This work is done by developing the individuals who will shape the future of agriculture and other primary industries in our local, national and global communities.

### Who are Nuffield Canada Scholars?

Upon completion, scholars are expected to assume positions of greater influence in their fields. For example, Nuffield Canada scholar Jim Halford (1975) developed the zero-till seeder called 'Conserva Pak' based on what he learned on his Nuffield scholarship. The concept allowed seeds and fertilizer to be planted underground, spaced appropriately, while significantly reducing topsoil disturbance. After decades of refining his invention, the Conserva Pak was bought by John Deere in 2007 and iterations of the direct seeder are still sold today as part of main-stream no-till cropping practices.

Also, MLA Hon. John Lohr, a 1997 Nuffield Scholar, is currently the Nova Scotia Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

All Nuffield scholars extend outstanding knowledge and leadership skills in their respective sectors making significant and lasting impacts.

# Nuffield Canada Agricultural Scholarships



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## Our History

The Nuffield name and emblem, a bull riding a bicycle, both derive from its founder, William Morris, who later became Lord Nuffield. Morris, an industrialist and philanthropist in the United Kingdom, made his fortune building bicycles and later launching Morris Motor Company. As part of his journey to learn about building cars, Morris sought out other leaders in the sector to see what they were doing. This curiosity, experiential learning, and transformative travel helped shape his success, and it is the foundation of the journey each Nuffield Scholar undertakes.

Nuffield Canada was established in 1950, incorporated as a registered not-for-profit in 1986, and became a registered Canadian charity in 2014.

Nuffield Canada is part of the larger Nuffield International community which includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States and Zimbabwe. Scholarship recipients become a member of the Nuffield alumni, now more than 1,800 strong globally, which interacts to aid development of new scholars and continuing achievement of its alumni.

## The Nuffield Scholar Journey

Being selected as a Nuffield Scholar is a privilege as it is an incredibly competitive program; there are typically only 70 to 80 scholars per year globally. It is, however, a highly regarded network of agricultural leaders whose insight is sought around the world.

A Nuffield scholarship has three distinct segments.

### Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC)

This annual event is the blast-off for new Nuffield Scholars from around the world. They gather for one

time only to spend eight days exploring agriculture in the host country, learning more about themselves and each other, and engaging with leaders in agriculture who reinforce experiential learning.

### Global Focus Program (GFP)

Many Nuffield scholars opt to participate in a GFP experience, where small groups of eight to 10 scholars spend six weeks on the road together. The groups have the opportunity to closely examine agriculture in up to seven countries, literally making their way around the world as agricultural explorers. For many participants, the GFP broadens their horizons, cements friendships, and lets them understand other cultures and countries on a deeper level.

### Individual Research Travels and Report

Every Nuffield Scholar spends time traveling to study their individual research topic. The culminating requirement of a Nuffield Scholarship is a 10,000-word report, which is made publicly available on the Nuffield Canada web site, and to present on their study topic, findings, and experience to the Nuffield Board, alumni, investors, and industry peers at the Nuffield AGM. A Nuffield Scholarship can be likened to a Masters thesis, except Nuffield is not affiliated with any college or university, has no academic prerequisites, and is aimed at mid-career producers who are ready to develop their leadership through experiential learning and transformative travel.

Upon program completion, Nuffield Scholars are highly sought out as speakers for agricultural and community groups at home and abroad. They are looked to as leaders in their fields, and translators for what is happening elsewhere in the world.

### Nuffield Triennial

Every three years all Nuffield Scholars and alumni are invited to attend the Nuffield Triennial. This engaging two week gathering is hosted by Nuffield International and lets attendees renew their Nuffield network, share in professional development with other curious leaders in agriculture, and explore a new host country where top agricultural operations are opened to the group. The Triennial helps to keep the Nuffield flame burning in the hearts of alumni.

## Who is eligible?

Nuffield Scholarships are awarded to enterprising Canadians between the ages of 25 – 50(ish) with a passion for agriculture. 'Agriculture' includes all forms of primary production including food, fibre, health care, biofuels, forestry, aquaculture, and fisheries. Recipients can come from any part of agriculture, from primary production to value-added processing to governance or communications. They can be involved in any aspect of the industry including as owners, managers, employees, administrators, or bureaucrats, and all industry philosophies are welcome including commercial, organic, cottage, medicinal, Indigenous and others.

## Application Process

Online applications forms can be found at [www.nuffield.ca](http://www.nuffield.ca). Applications are accepted from April 1 through June 30 each year.

Applicant selections and interviews are completed in July and August with final selections being announced in early September.

Mandatory scholar orientation is held at the Nuffield Canada AGM in late November, after which scholar travel may commence.

Scholar travel is self-directed. They are to travel a minimum of 10 weeks over 24 months, six of which must be consecutive.

Upon completion, scholars write a report (approx. 10,000 words) which will be published on the Nuffield Canada web site and present their report at the Nuffield Canada AGM. They will also share their findings as speakers, panelists, etc. within their industry for at least 12 months.