



# Killam Fellowships Program

## 2027-2028 Application Instructions

for American students to study in Canada

### Application deadlines at a glance

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| <b>Direct Exchange Program</b>  | Your home institution's internal deadline — the <a href="#">Killam Partner Fact Sheets</a> on the Fulbright Canada website. |
| <b>Open Competition Program</b> | <b>January 31, 2027</b>                                                                                                     |

**The same application is used for both the Open Competition Program and the Direct Exchange Program — you may apply to either, or both, with a single application.**

Undergraduate students in all fields of study are encouraged to apply.

### About the Program

The Killam Fellowships Program, administered by Fulbright Canada, offers exceptional undergraduate students from the United States the opportunity to spend one semester or a full academic year studying at a university in Canada. Killam Fellows receive a cash award of \$6,000 US per semester (\$12,000 US for a full academic year) and a health benefit plan, and take part in a fall orientation in Ottawa and a spring seminar in Washington, D.C. Fellows may also apply for a mobility grant of up to \$800.

### How to Apply

|                         | <b>Direct Exchange (partner institutions)</b>                                                          | <b>Open Competition (self-placed)</b>                                 |
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| <b>How you enroll</b>   | You remain registered at your home institution and attend the host institution as an exchange student. | You enroll as a fee-paying visiting student at your host institution. |
| <b>Tuition and fees</b> | You continue to pay tuition and fees to your home institution.                                         | You pay tuition and fees to your host institution.                    |

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| <b>Admission</b>  | Placement is arranged through the exchange partnership between institutions. | You are responsible for applying for admission to each of your chosen institutions.                                   |
| <b>Nomination</b> | You must be nominated by your home institution.                              | No nomination required in most cases; some partner institutions choose to nominate their Open Competition applicants. |

Open Competition applicants may also choose to apply through an existing exchange program at their home institution and, consequently, attend the host institution as an exchange student.

**Not sure which pathway applies to you?** Start by checking whether your home institution is a Killam partner — see the partner institution contacts in the [Killam Partner Fact Sheets](#) on the Fulbright Canada website. Your study abroad office can confirm your institution's partner status and any internal deadlines.

## Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a Killam Fellowship to study in Canada, students must meet the following requirements at the time of application. The student must be:

- a citizen of the United States of America,
- a currently enrolled full-time undergraduate student (BA, BSc or BAH)<sup>1</sup> in good standing at a degree-granting institution in the United States,
- expected to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in good standing during the entire 2027-2028 academic year, should they be selected for an award,
- expected to receive an undergraduate degree in the Spring of 2028 or beyond,
- able to meet the eligibility requirements and regulations of the home university,
- proficient in English, and in French if choosing to study in a French language institution.
- in possession of a strong academic record, and
- able to complete all steps of the application process prior to the published deadlines.

Please note that candidates of the direct exchange program must be nominated by their home institution and that some partner institutions also choose to nominate their Open Competition applicants.

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<sup>1</sup> Professional degrees are normally not eligible.

## Application Process

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Applications must be completed and submitted through the online [Killam Application for Americans](#).

### Direct Exchange Program

Submit your application by your home institution's internal deadline. For deadlines, consult the partner institution contacts listed in the Killam Partner Factsheets.

**Note:** Direct Exchange applications are first reviewed by the home institution, which may then nominate candidates to the evaluation and selection stages of the Killam Fellowships competition.

### Open Competition Program

Applications must be submitted by **January 31, 2027**.

**Note:** Open Competition applications from a Direct Exchange partner institution will be forwarded to the home university to ensure compliance with internal policies.

**The Foundation encourages all students to work closely with their study abroad office (or equivalent).**

## Application Checklist

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### Step 1 – Prepare your documents

Prepare the following documents. Each will be uploaded as a PDF to your online application.

| Document                                | Format requirements (PDF)                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • <b>Proof of citizenship</b>           | 1 page • passport preferred                                                                     |
| • <b>Curriculum Vitae (CV)</b>          | Up to 3 pages • 12-point font • 1-inch margins                                                  |
| • <b>Unofficial transcript(s)</b>       | From all post-secondary institutions you have attended                                          |
| • <b>Personal statement</b>             | 1 page, single-spaced • 12-point font • 1-inch margins                                          |
| • <b>Supplementary document package</b> | Combine the cover sheet, course selection forms, and letter(s) of acceptance into a single file |

- Your academic advisor must complete the cover sheet and sign each course selection form.
- Attach letters of acceptance if you are applying to the Open Competition Program and have already received them.
- Your academic advisor must calculate your cumulative grade point average (CGPA) on a 4.0 scale. Your CGPA is the weighted average of all completed courses at a post-secondary institution.

## Step 2 – Complete the online application

Complete and submit the online [Killam Application for Americans](#).

## Step 2 – Request your references

Fill out the request for two references as part of your application.

Suggested recommenders are:

- a current or recent university professor;
  - a supervisor at a volunteer organization;
  - an employer; or
  - another person at an academic or professional level who can speak to your qualities.
- The system will automatically notify your recommenders and request their references.
- After you submit your application, each referee will receive an email with instructions on how to proceed.
- Completed references are attached to your application automatically.
- If your recommenders do not receive the notification, please ask them to check their spam folder.
- Choose recommenders who know your academic work and character well, and ask their permission in advance so they can watch for the emailed request and complete it before the deadline.

## Helpful Tips

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- Avoid using ALL CAPITAL LETTERS—use sentence case (e.g. John Smith, **not** JOHN SMITH).
- Make sure you spell your name correctly and in English; do not use special characters.
- Use only alphanumeric characters in the data fields. Special characters and accents (ä, é, ç, ñ) may not input correctly.
- Complete all fields in this application in English.
- Take care to answer all questions to the best of your ability.
- Please remember to save your application if you would like to take a break before submitting it.
- Submit only the items requested. Unsolicited materials will not be included in the review process.
- **Once you SUBMIT your application, you can no longer make changes to it.**

## ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport (or birth certificate).
- Should you be selected for a Killam Fellowship, you will require a passport valid for at least six months following the end of your award. If you do not yet hold a valid passport, consider applying for or renewing one early – processing time can take several weeks.
- Fill out the reference request section of the application. See [Step 3 above](#) for additional guidance.

### HISTORY

#### Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- Up to three (3) pages maximum. Use a 12 point font, with 1 inch margins.
- Present your Curriculum Vitae/Résumé in a clear and concise format (not in paragraphs).
- Provide details, among other things, about your education, work and volunteer experience, scholarships, awards and achievements, interests, and languages.

#### Educational Profile

- When entering your educational profile, start with your current institution and then enter each additional post-secondary educational institution you have attended.
- Should you be selected for a Killam Fellowship, an official transcript may be required.
- Enter the most important and relevant scholarships, fellowships, awards, and special achievements. You may provide additional information in your CV.

### AWARD PREFERENCES

#### Personal Statement

- **One (1)** single spaced page. Use a 12 point font, with 1 inch (2.54 cm) margins saved as a pdf.
- Provide a narrative statement explaining why you want to study in Canada as a Killam Fellow.
- Discuss what you hope to accomplish during your exchange in Canada and how the experience fits your current interests and future goals.
- Highlight any experiences demonstrating your ability to adapt to other cultural settings, a willingness to share with or learn from others of different national identities, and your ability to serve as an ambassador for the United States.
- Provide a unique statement. The strongest statements are specific about why Canada, why your chosen institutions, and what you will bring to the exchange community.

#### Placement preferences

- Select your preferred placement term and year.
- Select whether you are competing in the Direct Exchange Program and/or the Open Competition. Only one application form is required.

#### If you select the Direct Exchange Program:

- Students from **partner institutions** apply for admission at **partner institutions**.
- If placements are not available at your ranked host institutions, alternate options may be offered.

#### If you select the Open Competition Program:

- Identify up to three (*recommended*) host institutions, not necessarily partner institutions, for the self-placed program.
- Students from **non-partner institutions** may apply concurrently for:
  - An existing exchange program through their home institution, and consequently, attend the host institution as an exchange student.
  - Admission to any accredited institution in Canada as a visiting student.
- Students from **partner institutions** may apply concurrently for:
  - An existing exchange program through their home institution, and consequently, attend any accredited **non-partner institution** as an exchange student.
  - Admission to any accredited **non-partner institution** in Canada as a visiting student.
- Be aware that preference will be given to students requesting a single-term placement.
- You are responsible for ensuring that your home institution approves the programs of study at your proposed host institutions and that these programs meet all requirements of the home institution.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Please use the provided rating scale for your First Language and any other languages.
- Be aware that your host institution may require a French language proficiency exam.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT PACKAGE

- Upload the [Cover Sheet](#), [Course Selection Forms](#), and letter(s) of acceptance as one PDF.

## CONFIRMATION

- Complete the brief survey and sign your application.

## Questions?

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If you have any questions, please contact:

### The Killam Fellowships Program

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