

Lillian Agnes Jones Scholarship – Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship program?

The scholarship program is open to all citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Do I need to be a student to qualify for the Academic funding stream?

You do not need to be a current student, and there is no specific educational requirement to apply for the Academic funding stream. However, any selected projects must be researched and written to an academic standard.

How much in-person research should I expect to do at The Whyte? Can I access the museum's collections remotely?

Successful applicants will be required to complete at least 20 hours of in-person research at The Whyte located in Banff, Alberta as part of their project. This can include art, audiovisual material, heritage items, photographs, and textual records from the Art and Heritage and Archives and Special Collections departments.

Many of the materials at The Whyte can be accessed through our [online database](#).

However, some materials may not be accessible online (i.e. sound recordings).

Researchers are encouraged to complete as much in-person research as possible to get the most benefit out of The Whyte's collections.

How much funding can I apply for?

Applicants can request any amount up to \$25,000 in either of the two funding streams: Academic or Creative Production. Applicants will need to provide a budget explaining how these funds will be used.

What type of expenses can be included in my application?

Most relevant expenses, including travel, subsistence (i.e. accommodation and food expenses), honorariums (i.e. paying interviewees or other participants in the project), and supplies (i.e. art supplies, recording devices) are eligible for funding. All expenses included in the application must directly support the completion of the project.

What criteria will be used to select applications?

The Lillian Agnes Jones Scholarship Committee will review all submitted applications and make final selections based on five main criteria: **General eligibility** (are all

necessary documents included and complete?); **Purpose** (does the project contribute to our understanding of Western Canadian history and culture?); **Originality** (is the project unique, or does similar work already exist?); **Quality** (is the application professionally written, with evidence of previous high-quality work included?); and **Practicality** (is the project realistic, with a clear goal and plan?)

How long will I have to finish the project if it is selected for funding?

The scholarship cycle will span one calendar year from the official start date. Applicants will be expected to complete all requirements of the scholarship, including an Internal Scholarship Report, written article, and Final Report (Academic stream) or Project Outcome (Creative Production stream) within this timeframe. Applicants interested in submitting a proposal for a period longer than one year are encouraged to reach out to researchscholar@whyte.org before completing the application. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis if a recipient is not able to meet the requirements of the scholarship within this timeframe.

Do I need to include professional or academic references in my application?

Applicants do not need to include references when applying. However, shortlisted applicants for both funding streams will need to provide the names and contact information of two references before final selection is confirmed. References can include work supervisors, colleagues, Elders, academic supervisors, or similar.

Where can I reach out if I have specific questions about my application?

Please direct any questions about the Lillian Agnes Jones Scholarship by email to researchscholar@whyte.org.