

ELAP/SICS/SEED Scholarship Program – RESEARCH applications

These programs support both STUDY and RESEARCH applications. It is generally expected that undergraduates will apply to STUDY and graduate students (Master's, PhD) will apply for RESEARCH.

Research applications are dependent on the students' ability to propose a feasible research project and find a host supervisor in their field of research to supervise the project. *We do **not** have a list of projects to which students can apply.* The student will be expected to find their own supervisor, design their own research project, and be prepared to work full-time (approx. 35 hours per week) on the project. Sometimes a prospective host supervisor will suggest an alternative, and the project will be revised in a collaborative fashion, ideally with the student's home supervisor. *Please understand that our researchers may have prior commitments and may not be available to host during your time frame.*

While most research applicants are graduate students, exceptional undergraduates who are well prepared to undertake full-time research (35 hours per week) may also apply as RESEARCH students, ***IF an actual research collaboration between a home and host professor exists, and the student can work on that existing project.*** However, they may find that less fulfilling socially and culturally, as research students often work independently and do not usually have the same opportunities to interact with other students the same way as if they were taking classes.

Tips for finding a host supervisor (research students)

Students who wish to apply for a research stay should carefully select the supervisor and university that best meets their needs. Lakehead is a small university and may not have research expertise in every student's research area. To supervise a Visiting Research Student, the researcher must have a faculty appointment (be a "faculty member" with title of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor). In some cases, Adjunct Professors may also be able to supervise.

Students have many options for identifying host supervisor.

- 1) *Speak to your home supervisor to see if they know any researchers at Lakehead*
- 2) *Visit the Lakehead website – each department has a list of faculty members and their profiles.*
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/programs/departments>
- 3) *Review the list of Research Centres and Institutes, which identify specific clusters of expertise:*
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/research-and-innovation/facilities-centres>
- 4) *Review our list of [Canada Research Chairs](#) or [Other Research Chairs](#) for our internationally recognized researchers*
- 5) *Literature Review – did you read an article by a Lakehead researcher that has had an impact on your research?*
- 6) *Utilize tools such as [Google Scholar](#) – type in "Lakehead University" and key words. Limit the search to the previous 3-5 years.*

Students may contact a potential supervisor directly by email. When reaching out to faculty members, you should:

- *Introduce yourself, your program, your university (attach a resume or CV);*
- *Identify the scholarship program to which you wish to apply (ELAP, SEED or SICS), and that if successful, your visit will be funded. Include a link to the scholarship page, as many of our researchers are not familiar with these scholarship programs.*
- *Briefly describe your research project idea; if you have a research proposal or summary, include that as an attachment.*
- *Explain why you want to work with them (that specific researcher);*
- *When you want to start your research stay (e.g. September 2026, January 2027), and for how long (e.g. 4 months, 6 months).*
- *Copy intl.research@lakeheadu.ca on the email.*