



Canadian International Development Scholarships 2030



First Call for Proposals
Scholarship Projects for Studies in Canada

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q1. Is it possible for a student from one of the BCDI 2030 eligible countries to apply *directly* to the call for proposals for scholarship projects for studies in Canada?

A1. No. Individuals cannot apply directly to BCDI 2030. Applications are made through a partnership between a Canadian higher education institution (HEI) and a HEI from one of the 26 eligible countries.

This means that for a student to eventually participate in the program, the HEI they are attending must apply to – and be selected through – the call for proposals for scholarship projects for studies in Canada in partnership with a Canadian HEI.

The Canadian and partner HEIs whose proposals are accepted will themselves launch a call for scholarship applications for study in Canada, and will select their own scholars. The selection will be made on the basis of pre-established criteria in line with BCDI 2030 program terms and the admission criteria of the program of study.

Q2. Is it possible to submit a scholarship project involving different programs, fields and/or level of study?

A2. BCDI 2030 is designed to provide member institutions and their counterparts in partner countries with maximum flexibility. We therefore encourage HEIs to present innovative and creative projects which can combine diverse options, varied subject areas and different levels of study, as long as the project adopts a coherent approach and meets the program's objectives.

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Q3. Could you elaborate on the additional support that could be provided to partner HEIs for the professional integration of their graduates?

A3. We will consult partner HEIs in eligible countries whose projects are selected through the call for proposals to gauge their interest in receiving support for their graduates' professional integration. This complementary support will be provided as part of BCDI 2030 Stream 2, which aims to strengthen partner HEIs' organizational capacity through the development of institutional partnerships.

More explicitly, the BCDI 2030 team will help interested HEIs identify their specific needs through a consultation process. The team will then draft terms of reference (ToR) based on the needs identified by the partners. ToRs will be disseminated to CICan's and UnivCan's networks to launch a call for proposals for projects. Based on the project proposals received, partner HEIs in eligible countries will select which Canadian HEI(s) they want to collaborate with.

Institutional partnerships will be developed to meet partner HEI's specific needs and could include, for example:

- the creation of a mentors' network
- the development of linkages with industry and community partners
- graduates' employment preparation
- etc.

Q4. Does this call for proposals encourage the development of short-term scholarship projects?

R4. As indicated in the *guidelines*, the duration of scholarship projects must be no less than one month and no more than four years. Short-term projects are entirely possible, as long as they lead to a certification. These study abroad trips fall under option 1 of the scholarship project types – *custom-made training program*. Unlike options 2 and 3, which are tied to the academic calendar, custom-made training programs can begin and end at any time during the academic year and can include activities in Canada, in the partner country and/or in a hybrid model.

