

Through the Esri Canada GIS Scholarships program, Esri Canada is proud to recognize students at Canadian post-secondary institutions who are involved in projects. The scholarships are provided through schools, Dalhousie being one of 50 schools across the country, that demonstrate strong, multidisciplinary GIS courses and programs. This scholarship provides recipients with great networking opportunities, funding and access to extensive GIS resources including Esri ARCGIS software, books and training to develop their GIS skills and knowledge.

Awards

The Dalhousie award will be divided into two scholarships: one for seasoned GIS users and one for up-and-coming GIS users. In 2014, these amounted to \$1500 for the seasoned GIS user and \$1000 for the up-and-coming GIS user.

Seasoned

- \$1500 from Esri Canada
- A permanent license for Esri's ARCGIS software for educational and research purposes and one year of complimentary maintenance license
- One Esri Canada instructor-led training course
- A virtual campus premium annual user license
- Registration for one of Esri Canada's user conferences

Up-and-coming

- \$1000 from Esri Canada
- Select Esri Press publications
- One Esri Canada instructor-led training course

Eligibility

Applicants must be registered as full-time students at Dalhousie University in the term when the award is being assessed. Students must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 (B+) or higher.

There is a single application for both the seasoned and the up-and-coming scholarships. While an applicant can only be awarded one of the two scholarships, the selection committee will begin by classifying the applicants into one of the two categories based on the submission.

Normally, an applicant can be awarded each of an up-and-coming and a seasoned Esri Canada award from Dalhousie at most once.

Expectations of the scholarship recipients

The successful candidate will be asked to submit to Esri Canada a poster demonstrating their project, lab work, or interesting research in a special setting (i.e. promoting education, conservation, disaster response, urban planning, business, engineering, social science, et cetera) and its outcomes using Esri's ArcGIS software as the focus of the work. Along with the poster, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a write up summary of his or her work in the form of a paper with maps that express or visualize the project effort. The poster and write up are due to the selection committee by the end of the school year in which the award is provided.

We also expect the students to meet with an Esri Canada representative for a photo-op of receiving the award and be willing to be featured in a DalNews article on the scholarships.

Application process

The following must be submitted by email to esri.award@cs.dal.ca with subject line "Esri Scholarship Application" or by hardcopy in a sealed envelope to the main reception of the Faculty of Computer Science, 6050 University Ave.

Applicants should address the elements of the selection criteria in their submission.

The submissions must include the following information:

- Cover page with your name, student number and contact information, your major, and minors
- Academic transcript (unofficial one is acceptable)
- A summary of significant course work and/or postgraduate research using Esri technology. Courses of particular interest that should be highlighted to the committee are
 - Courses in which GIS is a core focus of the course
 - Applied GIS courses
 - Remote sensing courses
 - ESRI online certificates (providing copies of the certificates)
- A summary of projects relating to or using Esri technology. A summary can consist of
 - A digital copy of a poster demonstrating the use of GIS
 - A GIS-based web site
 - A written description (two page maximum) of a project that includes use of and analysis with GIS. The submission should include an illustration of the results.

- A maximum of one page description of what you would do with a 1 year supply of Esri software, virtual campus and access to instructor led learning courses

Deadlines

All applications must be submitted, either in hardcopy or electronically to esri.award@cs.dal.ca by 4pm on Monday, January 26, 2015.

Announcement of the scholarship recipients

The recipients of the award will be notified on or before February 15, 2015.

Additional information

For more information on the Esri Scholarship contest

http://www.esri.ca/sites/default/files/filemanager/GIS_Scholarships/2014_FAQ_for_students_ENG.pdf

<http://www.esri.ca/en/content/esri-canada-gis-scholarships>