

## DESCRIPTION

The Canadian **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships** (QES) aim to activate a dynamic community of young global leaders to create lasting impacts both at home and abroad through inter-cultural exchanges encompassing international education, discovery and inquiry, and professional experiences.

[Queen Elizabeth Scholars Website](#)

If selected to participate in the program, you will:

- Be awarded a scholarship in the thousands of dollars to cover the costs of travel, accommodations, and other living expenses
- Complete HPED 3050 with a placement arranged for you by the [Commonwealth Sport Canada \(CSC\) organization](#)
- Live and work in a commonwealth country for a minimum of 90 days. You can expect help finding accommodation and transportation. Your host will provide you with in-country support
- Focus on developing leaders and community through sport, with an emphasis on inclusion and diversity.
- Be recognized throughout Canada and the Commonwealth as a QES global leader
- Gain connections through the QES global student network
- Be engaged with the community by promoting the QES Scholarship with other MRU students, speaking publicly about your experience, participating in forums, volunteering, and participating in QES events in Canada (optional).

## TIMING

- Terms Offered: Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer
- Duration: Minimum 90 days (not including travel days or training days in country)
- Applications open at the start of the semester prior to the semester of your experience
- 16 scholarships available and the first scholarship will be offered in spring/summer 2024

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Open to all majors\*.

To be eligible for this program you must be:

- A Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Must have completed HPED 2050 and are in year 2 or 3 of your Bachelor of Health and Physical Education degree (as a component of the QEScholarship you are required to be on campus the year following your QEScholarship so that you can engage in community events)
- Minimum GPA of 2.0

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a cover letter and resume. Your cover letter and resume should include community development experience (i.e. volunteering), leadership experience, information to support international travel (past experience, ability to work in new and very different environments). Your cover letter/resume will be reviewed by a committee and an interview may be required.

Deadlines are:

- October 1<sup>st</sup> for winter
- February 1<sup>st</sup> for spring/summer
- April 1<sup>st</sup> for fall

## EXPECTATIONS

1. Commit to completing University and QES requirements for international travel
2. Conduct community-engagement activities during and immediately after the placement abroad, which may include (but are not limited to): presentations, blogging three times during the 90 days for the Commonwealth Sports Canada (CSC) website, engaging in social media posts to #QES (this activity will be defined in the QES pre-departure form)
3. Submit the returned scholar narrative report after returning to Canada, (this must be done before the final \$500 is issued!).

If you have any questions about these conditions, please contact [hpeditic@mtroyal.ca](mailto:hpeditic@mtroyal.ca) directly.

## PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Successful applicants must accept the scholarship and be willing to accept a placement anywhere in the world. The details of your placement will come after a decision from the QES selection committee. Some past placements and possible future opportunities are:

**Kenya** (details pending)

**Guyana** - The Guyana National Olympic Committee - This organization is providing barrier free sport opportunities to refugees and immigrants in the hopes of promoting social cohesion to the newcomers to the country.

**Trinidad/Tobago** - In 2023, TTCGA, hosted the Youth Commonwealth Games. This event was an international multi-sport event. Following the Games, this organization will direct its focus on legacy projects hoping to capitalize on the momentum created during the Games.

**Botswana** - The Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) in partnership with National Sport Organizations, organizes the development of sport specific Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) models.

**Rwanda** – AKWOS Organisation of Kigali Women in Sports – Their mission is to use sport as a tool for the empowerment of women and girls. They use sport as an opportunity to educate and empower women to reduce the likelihood of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

You can read about past scholar experiences [here](#). Check out the Botswana, Trinidad/Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands and Rwanda projects in the menu on the left hand side.

## INCLUSIVITY MATTERS

We believe that diversity is a strength that leads to innovative, inclusive, and dynamic environments. We are committed to fostering a diverse community and we strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented groups to apply.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this message with your network and encourage individuals from underrepresented groups to apply. We are excited to review their applications and potentially welcome them into our community.

Use [#QEScholars](#) on all your social media accounts to connect, interact and follow the journey of Queen Elizabeth Scholars across the globe!

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\* Students must register for HPED 3050 and this course is extra to the Athletic Therapy major. The semester abroad might also impact an Athletic Therapy student's progression in their degree.





















