



Graduate Scholarships in Environmental Sciences and Engineering

The Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals of British Columbia (“CSAP Society”) is supporting the next generation of Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals by offering up to three scholarships annually to science and engineering graduate students whose studies are relevant to the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites in British Columbia.

For background and information, applicants are directed to the following websites:

- [The Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy, Land Remediation website](#)
- [CSAP website](#)

About the CSAP Society

The CSAP Society is a self-regulating professional society mandated by the *BC Environmental Management Act*. Under the mandate, CSAP Society’s members, referred to as Approved Professionals, are credentialed to review application for environmental certification documents and make recommendations to the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (“ENV”) that the certification documents be released. The CSAP Society also represents the best interest of government, industry, and public by providing advice on regulatory policy in BC. The CSAP Society is recognized as a leader and catalyst for innovative, value-driven approaches to improving land and water quality for the beneficial use of all.

Scholarship Awards

- Two scholarships are valued at \$5,000 each.
- One scholarship, the Mike Macfarlane Memorial Scholarship, is valued at \$7,000. The Mike Macfarlane Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Mike Macfarlane, the former Director of the Land Remediation Section of ENV and is awarded for outstanding innovative and forward-thinking research relevant to contaminated sites in BC.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be enrolled in and have started a science or engineering program leading to a post graduate project or thesis.
2. Applicant must have a clearly defined research project (can be full thesis or a major project for a coursework masters) and demonstrate the relevance of the research to the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites.
3. Applicant must be enrolled in a graduate degree program with an expected completion date

being in the following calendar year and describe their research project in enough detail to determine its merits for scholarship award. Scholarships will be preferentially awarded to students beginning their work, not completing it.

4. Applicant must not have been a recipient of the CSAP Graduate Scholarships in Environmental Sciences and Engineering in the past.

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be reviewed by a selection panel comprising contaminated sites practitioners based on the following criteria:

1. Potential benefit of the applicant's academic project or thesis research to the process of understanding and managing contaminated sites. Ideally, this will also demonstrate your awareness of and/or involvement in contaminated sites work.
2. Other considerations such as references and academic achievements, as well as other achievements or awards demonstrating leadership, community involvement, and emerging research area, etc.
3. For the Mike Macfarlane Memorial Scholarship, an additional consideration is the extent of innovation, relevance, and forward-thinking demonstrated by the applicant.

Once applications have been reviewed by the selection panel, considerations about balance across topic areas, degree types, etc. may be brought into the decision process; however, all applicants first will be evaluated on their own merits.

Final Selection

Award recipients are selected by May 31, 2025. All applicants will be provided written notification whether selected or not. Scholarship funds will be advanced contingent upon proof of graduate program registration and upon the award recipient providing their social insurance number ("SIN"). The SIN of each award recipient is required for income tax purposes. A recipient's failure to provide proof of their graduate program registration and their SIN within two weeks after notification of award of scholarship may result in the loss of the scholarship.

Expectations of Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend part of the CSAP Society's Annual General Meeting in June 2025 to receive their award. Over the course of the research, they may be invited to other public CSAP Society events to liaise with CSAP Society members.

Application Process

Applicants must submit:

1. A completed application form.
2. Two letters of reference. One reference must be from the applicant's supervising academic professor and the second from a professional reference who is not related to the applicant

who can verify the applicant's involvement in professional or community activities. Each reference letter must be submitted by the reference directly to the CSAP Society before the application deadline.

3. Official copies of the applicant's academic transcripts and/or academic achievements (e.g., other scholarships).

Applicants must complete the PDF forms available at the [CSAP website](#).

Applications can be sent to the CSAP Society by:

- Email: info@csapsociety.bc.ca
- Mail: Attn: CSAP Scholarships
613 - 744 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 1A5

The application form with all supporting documents must be received by **March 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered or accepted.

Applicants can contact the CSAP Society for more information or to verify receipt of their application prior to the deadline:

- Email: info@csapsociety.bc.ca
- Phone: 778-737-7612

Terms and Conditions

- The CSAP Society reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, amend, or cancel the scholarships at any time without notice.
- By submitting an application, the applicant authorizes the CSAP Society and the scholarship selection panel and their respective employees to collect, use, and retain the applicant's personal information, including references, as provided on and with the application for the purposes of evaluating the application and for administering, maintaining, and promoting the scholarship program.
- All recipients must inform themselves as to the tax consequences of receiving a scholarship.
- Scholarship funds will be advanced contingent upon proof of graduate program registration and upon the award recipient providing their social insurance number (SIN). The SIN of each award recipient is required for income tax purposes. Any recipient's failure to provide proof of their graduate program registration and their SIN within two weeks after notification of award of scholarship may result in the loss of the scholarship.
- This scholarship may be held concurrently with other awards and financial support.