

Global Affairs Student Exchange Scholarship Brandon University Application Form

The Global Affairs [Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program \(ELAP\)](#) enables eligible Canadian post-secondary institutions to award scholarships to students from program-specific eligible countries to undertake short-term exchange in Canada. Under the supervision of Brandon University, successful international undergraduate will receive a scholarship to study one academic term at Brandon University. Brandon University has a limited number of students it can nominate for each program, and candidate selection will be adjudicated by the Undergraduate Selection Committee. Please see the [BU ELAP webpage](#) for more information.

A complete application package includes:

1. General information form
2. Proof of citizenship: a copy of the candidate's passport or national identity card with a photo and valid dates.
 - documents **not** accepted as proof of citizenship are: driver's license, permanent residence card, work permit, student card, health card, birth certificate or baptismal certificate
 - proof of citizenship selected must be from the same country/territory as the citizenship selected in the online application form
3. Proof of full-time enrollment from the home institution: a letter in English from the home institution, on official letterhead, dated within the last six months, confirming that the candidate is currently enrolled in a full-time program and will continue to be enrolled upon their return. The letter must clearly state:
 - The type of program and the level of study of the candidate at the home institution;
 - The full-time enrolment status at the home institution; and
 - The anticipated completion date of the degree at the home institution.
 - Documents **not** accepted as proof of full-time enrollment are: copies of transcripts, a student card or a letter of admission.
4. Proof of official transcript: an official transcript issued by the home institution must be provided include the candidate's academic standings (i.e. GPA) and academic performance.
5. Letter of intent from the candidate (maximum one page): should address the following:
 1. Academic Background & Preparation
 - Current program, year of study, and major.
 - Academic achievements and relevant coursework.
 - Explanation of how previous academic experience provides preparation for study in Canada.
 2. Purpose of the Exchange
 - Motivation for pursuing study in Canada.
 - Rationale for selecting the specific host institution and program.
 - Explanation of how the proposed courses align with degree requirements at the home institution.
 3. Academic & Professional Goals
 - Short-term academic objectives for the exchange period.
 - Long-term academic and/or career aspirations.
 - Description of how participation in the exchange will support these goals.

4. Benefit to Home Institution
 - Plan for sharing knowledge and experiences upon return (e.g., presentations, peer mentoring, involvement in international activities).
 - Explanation of how participation will contribute to strengthening collaboration between institutions.
 5. Contribution to Host Institution
 - Intended academic engagement (e.g., active participation in class discussions, involvement in research activities).
 - Cultural perspectives, experiences, or knowledge that will enrich the host community.
 - Leadership roles, volunteer experience, or extracurricular involvement.
 6. Personal Readiness & Adaptability
 - Demonstrated independence, adaptability, and intercultural competence.
 - Language proficiency in English.
 - Commitment to representing the home institution in a professional and positive manner.
6. Letter of support from the home institution (maximum one page): issued by a faculty member, department head, or international office representative. The letter must clearly confirm the home institution's endorsement and should outline the following:
1. Academic Standing
 - Confirmation that the student is enrolled full-time.
 - Academic performance (GPA or equivalent evaluation).
 - Ranking or comparative assessment (if possible).
 2. Suitability for Exchange
 - Assessment of the student's academic ability to succeed abroad.
 - Comments on maturity, independence, adaptability, and professionalism.
 - Language preparedness (if relevant).
 3. Alignment with Academic Program
 - Confirmation that the proposed exchange supports the student's degree progress.
 - Assurance that credits will be recognized (if applicable).
 4. Institutional Commitment
 - Confirmation that the student is paying tuition fees to the home institution at the time of application and will continue to do so for the full duration of their mobility period in Canada.
 - Statement of support for the student's participation.
 - Confirmation that the student will return to complete their program.
 5. Contribution & Institutional Benefit
 - How the student's participation will benefit the home institution.
 - How the exchange strengthens institutional collaboration.
7. Signed Privacy Notice Statement: <https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/assets/pdfs/privacy-notice-statement-non-canadians-revised.pdf>
8. Evidence of meeting BU's English Language Proficiency requirement: <https://www.brandonu.ca/future-students/apply/english-proficiency-requirements/>.

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- academic merit of the candidate as demonstrated by academic standing and performance;
- alignment of the proposed course selection with the academic program at the Canadian institution;

- academic potential and preparedness for success in an international academic environment;
- quality and coherence of the study plan and expected academic benefit to the student;
- benefit to the home institution and peers;
- benefit to the Canadian institution and peers;
- strength of the linkages to be created or enhanced through the proposed exchange.

Global Affairs expects institutions to strive to achieve equitable gender participation and the broadest possible geographic representation. We will be collecting self-identified gender information in support of this requirement. This information will be viewed by the Brandon University program administration staff and may be disclosed to a select number of application review committee members as required; it will otherwise be kept confidential. Applications will be selected based on merit, and gender identity and/or geographical location of your home institution may be considered only to ensure equitable participation where candidates are comparably qualified.

Applications must be submitted to elap-study@brandonu.ca by Friday, March 13, 2026.

NOTE: all application submissions are final. Please ensure to review and confirm details and documents provided in the application are correct and accurate. No changes to the application will be permitted after official submission.

ELAP Student Exchange Information Form

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION	
Program:	Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP)
Scholarship component:	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate exchange - 4 month/one academic term <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate exchange - 4 month/one academic term <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate exchange - 5-6 months
Expected start date:	
Expected end date:	
Language of study:	

CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
Salutation:	
Student first name:	
Student last name:	
Student gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):	
Student email:	
Country of Citizenship:	
Degree sought:	
Field of study:	
Discipline:	
Expected degree completion date:	

CANDIDATE'S HOME POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION INFORMATION	
Institution Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	
Province/Territory/State:	
Postal/ZIP code:	
Country:	

CONTACT PERSON AT HOME POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION	
Salutation:	
Full name:	
Job title:	
Department/Office:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Preferred language of correspondence:	

ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST
<p><u>A complete application must include the following attachments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of citizenship - <i>already submitted to the Admissions Office at Brandon University</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of full-time enrollment from the home institution <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of official transcript - <i>already submitted to the Admissions Office at Brandon University</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of intent from the candidate (maximum one page) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from the home institution (maximum one page) <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Privacy Notice Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of meeting BU's English Language Proficiency requirement - <i>already submitted to the Admissions Office at Brandon University</i>

STUDENT DECLARATION

By submitting this application, I declare that:

- I have already submitted my online application and paid application fee to seek admission at Brandon University.
- I am enrolled full-time at a post-secondary institution in an eligible country or territory.
- I am paying tuition fees to that institution at the time of application and for the full duration of my exchange in Canada, if awarded a scholarship.
- I do not hold, nor do I have a pending application for, Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.
- I am not currently holding another grant or source of funding from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), through its legal name the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), or from a Canadian federal granting agency (including but not limited to Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) or Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)).
 - *I have fully declared all additional sources of funding (if applicable).*
- I am not currently enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.
- I am not currently in Canada.
- I have not applied for the same scholarship at another Canadian institution.
- I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms and conditions outlined in the “Scholarship Requirements and Additional Information” section of the Brandon University website (<https://www.brandonu.ca/international-activities/exchange-opportunities/elap/>).

I understand that providing false or incomplete information may result in the disqualification of my application or the withdrawal of any award granted.

I confirm that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature:		Date	
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