

Combined Graduate & Undergraduate Program in Education, Award Descriptions and Information

Cornerstone Leadership in Action Graduating Student Award

Overview:

Established by Stephanie and Winston Ling, the Cornerstone Leadership in Action Awards will be presented annually to a student enrolled in the second year of the Faculty of Education's concurrent or consecutive teacher education programs and a student enrolled in the Faculty of Education's graduate program who has completed either the concurrent or consecutive teacher education programs at York. One award will be available for students from each of these programs.

Eligibility:

The awards recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential or ability and who embrace attributes such as honesty, integrity, passion, enthusiasm, innovation, creativity, humility and trustworthiness. Nominations will be accepted for students who embody the following: has an exemplary reputation among peers, supervisors, faculty members and within relevant communities; employs innovative teaching practices; promotes a positive school culture; has the capacity to foster leadership qualities in others; works effectively with families and community members; supports the concept of mentorship, in relation to peers and students; believes in continuing professional education; has demonstrated standards of excellence in his/her professional activities. Award recipients will be chosen from nominees who best embody the above qualities.

Application Process:

Nominations will be accepted from faculty members and/or students for students graduating from the Faculty of Education who reflect all or some of the parameters detailed above. In addition to the nominator's letter (250-500 words), the nomination file should include a sample of the nominee's work (with the nominee's permission) which illustrates his/her qualification for the award. The nomination packages must be submitted along with this application form.

Value:

Amount determined each year, can be up to 2 awards between undergraduate and graduate given each year.

Learning Company School Canada Tech. Leadership Award

Overview:

Awarded in alternate years to a full-time undergraduate in the BEd Concurrent or Consecutive program or graduate student enrolled in the MEd or PhD program in Education. The recipient must demonstrate leadership in the application of technology to teaching and learning in schools or the community.

Eligibility:

A minimum grade point average of B (6.0) or the equivalent is required. Recipients must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be Ontario residents and demonstrate financial need.

Application Process:

To apply for this bursary students must submit a Student Financial Profile (include copy of SFP with this application). Applicants must also submit a personal statement (no longer than one page) describing their leadership in the application of technology. Statements must be submitted along with this application form.

Value:

Amount determined each year, can be up to 3 awards between undergraduate and graduate given each year.

Patrick Solomon Memorial Award in Urban Diversity

Overview:

The Patrick Solomon Memorial Award in Urban Diversity will be available for two candidates in the Faculty of Education. One award will be available for students in each of the graduate and undergraduate programs. Recipients will demonstrate a dedication to the principles of social justice, equity and community service, as demonstrated through course assignments, projects and initiatives. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be [Ontario residents](#), and demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility:

Recipients will demonstrate a dedication to the principles of social justice, equity and community service, as demonstrated through course assignments, projects and initiatives. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent resident or protected person who is a resident of Ontario who demonstrate financial need.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit a personal statement that describes their dedication to the principles of social justice, equity and community services, as demonstrated through course assignments, projects and initiatives. They must also submit a recommendation letter from a Course Director who is familiar with the applicant's work. In addition, applicants must complete the [Student Financial Profile](#) (include copy of SFP with this application).

Value:

Up to 2 awards at \$2000 each can be awarded (subject to change).

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The Ferdinands Family Prize for Studies in Immigration, Citizenship and Transitions for New Canadians

Overview:

The Ferdinands Family Prize for Studies in Immigration Citizenship and Transitions for New Canadians has been established in honour of Jean and Sherwin Ferdinands, whose tremendous sacrifice, support and dedication has enabled their children to thrive and achieve academic excellence in post-secondary studies at York University. An annual prize will be awarded to a graduate student in the Graduate Program of Education who has written the best paper on immigration, education or citizenship with a focus on the issues facing new Canadians.

Eligibility:

The nominations for the best paper on immigration, education, or citizenship with a focus on issues facing new Canadians. Papers must have been written in the previous Winter, Summer or Fall terms; they may be papers that were written for a course, or they may be the a thesis, major research paper, dissertation or a chapter. Faculty members can nominate students for this prize, or students can self-nominate.

Application Process:

Nomination packages, which include the cover sheet and a copy of the paper to be adjudicated, applicants must submit packages to the GPA for the Graduate Program in Education Awards Committee's consideration. In February each year, the Awards Committee considers all nominated papers from the previous Winter, Summer or Fall terms. The Awards Committee will review and rank the papers and determine the winning paper.

Value:

Amount determined each year, can be up to 2 awards given each year.

Vernon Oliver Stong Graduate Scholarship in Education

Overview:

The Scholarship is available to Education students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies who have achieved a minimum grade point average of a B+. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons and [Ontario residents](#) who demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility:

- Full-time registered Master's or Doctoral York graduate student in Education
- A GPA of an B+ or higher
- Confirmation of financial need; Complete the [Student Financial Profile](#) (include copy of SFP with this application).
- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person who is a resident of Ontario
- Preference may be given to first-year students, but continuing graduate students will be considered in instances where there are no suitable incoming candidates

Note:

1. The student must be registered as full-time for the current academic year.
2. The award will be applied to the student's account: one portion retroactively in the Winter term and the second portion in the Summer term.

Application Process:

Graduate students from Education must submit the following (along with this application form):

- Personal statement indicating their career vision and research direction (250 words).
- Transcripts, unofficial (can be a student copy downloaded from student account) or official. Must include at least the last two years of post-secondary studies.

Value:

Can be up to 6 awards at \$10,000 each awarded annually (amount and/or total awarded subject to change).

Eva Wien Prize

Overview:

The Eva Wien Prize will be awarded to a full-time or part-time graduate student for the best thesis, master's research project or dissertation in early childhood education. This prize was established in honour of Eva Wien who lived a quiet, private life that was disrupted by war, loss and unexpected hardship; yet she was recognized within her family as a remarkable presence with uncanny abilities to support the growth and development of children.

Eligibility:

To be eligible the thesis, dissertation or research project must be for research related to children from birth to age eight, concern the care and education of such children in contexts of group care such as schools or childcare settings and must be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the supervisory committee. The thesis, dissertation or research project may be philosophical, theoretical, based in literature review or based in research that is qualitative or quantitative.

Application Process:

To apply for this bursary students must submit a [Student Financial Profile](#) (include copy of SFP with this application). Applicants must also submit a personal statement (no longer than one page) describing their leadership in the application of technology. Statements must be submitted along with this application form.

Value:

Amount determined each year, can be up to 1 award given each year.

Ron Owston Award

Overview:

Named after Ron Owston, who served as Dean of York University's Faculty of Education from 2012-16, will provide financial support to students enrolled in the Faculty of Education's Bachelor of Arts (BA) Educational Studies and Master of Leadership and Community Engagement (MLCE) programs.

The BA Educational Studies and the Master of Leadership and Community Engagement programs were established under Owston's leadership as dean of the Faculty of Education. A pioneer in teaching, learning, and research on the internet since its early days, he also was the founding director of the Institute for Research in Learning Technologies at York University.

Eligibility:

The awards will be granted to domestic or international students who, during their first year have a minimum 7.5 or A average and demonstrate financial need.

Application Process:

To apply for this award Students must submit a [Student Financial Profile](#) (include copy of SFP with this application). Applicants must also submit a personal statement (no longer than one page) addressing their interest in this award. Statements must be submitted along with this application form.

Value:

Amount determined each year, can be up to 2 awards at \$500 each, between the BA Education and MLCE programs given each year.
