

The Esri Canada Higher Education Scholarship at the University of Calgary

Overview

The Esri Canada Higher Education Scholarship award recognizes excellence in the academic achievement of University of Calgary undergraduate students who use geographic information systems (GIS) within their program of study. The award is sponsored by Esri Canada, and students must demonstrate how the use of Esri technology (e.g., ArcGIS Platform) has significantly contributed to a recent project they completed as part of their coursework or research. One award is available to an eligible UCalgary student each year—this award competition will determine who the University of Calgary will nominate to Esri Canada to receive the award.

Award Details

The winner of this scholarship will receive a one-time payment of \$750.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive this award, applicants must demonstrate each of the following in their application:

1. Currently a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Calgary with an interest in GIS and Esri technology.
2. Minimum overall GPA of 3.3 (or equivalent) in the current program of study.
3. Applicant has completed coursework and/or research using Esri technology.
4. The applicant has completed an interesting and innovative project that uses GIS and Esri technology. A suitable project could be based on a course project, course lab work, and/or independent research completed by the applicant. The project must be communicated in an ArcGIS StoryMap that sufficiently describes the work completed by the student and how Esri technology was used to accomplish the project.

Evaluation Process

The Esri Canada Higher Education Scholarship at the University of Calgary will be adjudicated by the Esri Canada GIS / Higher Education Scholarship Selection Committee, which is composed of a representative from each of the following units: Campus IT's Geospatial Services unit, Department of Geography, Department of Geomatics Engineering, and the university library's Spatial and Numeric Data Services. The committee meets in the winter term of each year following the submission deadline to rank applicants on the basis of:

1. academic achievement, as indicated by overall GPA with emphasis on courses related to the geospatial sciences,

2. the clarity and visual appeal of their poster that describes the GIS project they completed, and
3. innovative use of GIS technology within the project, with emphasis on the use of Esri technology.

Eligible students are invited to apply for the award by providing the materials specified in the [How to Apply](#) section below.

The Selection Committee will review the submitted materials. If all requirements are met, the Selection Committee will notify Esri Canada of this year's nominee to receive the award. Typically, the nominee will be offered the award by Esri Canada, pending the applicant's submission of all their application materials (ArcGIS StoryMap, CV, transcripts, etc.) directly to the Esri Canada Scholarship Coordinator. Note that the final decision to award the scholarship will be made by Esri Canada.

How to Apply

Current UCalgary undergraduate students can [apply online](#). Sign in using your UCalgary email address and password to complete the application form.

You will need to provide some personal information, including:

- Legal name
- Student ID number

You will also be asked to provide biographical information, for example:

- Current degree program and department, school, or faculty name.
- Expected graduation year and term.
- Level of experience with components of the ArcGIS platform.
- Summary of your academic achievements, including overall GPA.

In addition to the information listed above, you will need to provide the following supporting documentation:

- Resume/CV.
- Academic transcripts for current program of study (unofficial copies are acceptable).
- Academic transcripts for previous program of study (optional, unofficial copies are acceptable).
- An ArcGIS StoryMap describing the completed or in-progress course or research-based project which showcases the innovative use of GIS technology, with emphasis on the use of Esri technology.

Note: submissions involving group / collaborative work will be accepted, however, only a single applicant will be considered for the award. Ensure your contributions to the project are highlighted in your poster submission.

ArcGIS StoryMap Guidelines:

- In the Application Form
 - You will be asked to provide the full URL to the StoryMap.
 - You will need to specify who the StoryMap is intended for (e.g., researchers or academics in your field, non-experts/general public, grade 8 students, a specific community etc.). You will be assessed on whether your communication choices are appropriate for your target audience.
- Sharing & Licensing
 - The StoryMap must be shared publicly on ArcGIS Online. If you're concerned about privacy, you can keep the StoryMap private until the application deadline.
 - You are responsible for ensuring that the publishing of your work complies with any relevant licensing agreements, ethics reviews, and/or terms of use.

The **submission deadline is April 19, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Important Dates

- April 19: Deadline for students to apply.
- May 15: Selection Committee announces outcome of award competition.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please reach out to Renna Truong at rdtruong@ucalgary.ca. Use the subject line "Inquiry: Esri Canada Higher Education Scholarship."