Science International Engagement Fund (SIEF): Graduate Students

Purpose
Western Science’s goals in internationalization are:

- To engage with the international community
- To build capacity for internationally-relevant research
- To address challenging global issues
- To provide academic programming and learning experiences for Western Science students to ensure they are globally literate, internationally competent and the graduates of choice for academic institutions, companies and organizations world-wide.

The fund is provided to help achieve these goals by enabling the strengthening of research collaborations between Western Science researchers and the international community. Science International is pleased to offer 4-5 awards per annum with a maximum of $3500 for graduate students to participate in research with international collaborators for medium to longer term stays (minimum length of stay: 3 weeks).

Application
- Application form (see attached)
- Abbreviated CV (3 pages max)
- Letter of support from the supervisor(s) outlining any financial support for the collaboration
- Letter of support from the host supervisor confirming that appropriate supervision and research space and research expenses will be provided.

Application deadline
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Email to Kim Baines (kbaines2@uwo.ca)

Application Guidelines

Eligibility
- The program is open to full-time graduate students registered in the Faculty of Science
- A maximum of one award per graduate student can be held during their degree program

Eligible Expenses
- Travel to and from the proposed destination, accommodation, and living expenses are eligible expenses. Research expenses are to be covered by the Western and/or the host supervisors.

Selection process
- Applications will be assessed by an ad hoc committee chaired by the Assistant Dean (International).
- Successful applicants will be notified by email and will subsequently be announced on Western Science’s website and through social media (e.g. Twitter)
- Selection will be based on the scientific excellence of the applicant and the merit of the proposed research activity. Proposals which are supplemented by the Western thesis supervisor’s research resources will be given higher priority.

Final Report and Presentation
- Upon return to Western and within three months, a written report (one page maximum) and a 20 minute presentation to an appropriate broad audience (e.g. as part of a graduate student or departmental seminar, special departmental presentation etc.) summarizing the experience and the (anticipated) outcomes. Reports should be submitted to the Assistant Dean (International), Faculty of Science.
- Applicants are asked to acknowledge support from Western Science in any publications or presentations during or resulting from the experience. A copy of the relevant publications should be sent to the Assistant Dean (International).
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Graduate Student Application Form

1. Name of Applicant:

2. Name of Thesis Supervisor(s):

3. Position of Applicant (e.g., MSc student, PhD student):

4. Year of Study in Current Program:

5. Email and Mailing Address of Applicant:

6. Name and Organization of Host Supervisor

7. Proposed Dates and Location of proposed activity:

8. Budget:

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9. Describe the goals of the research and briefly outline the research plan. Describe the nature of the collaborative research activities, how they will enhance your thesis research, and why the proposed location was selected. Include a summary of any previous activity/outcomes of the collaboration (one page maximum).
10. Describe the amount and source of other funds the applicant currently holds, has access to or has applied for to support the cost of this international research experience (one page maximum).