



Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research  
Centre du festin traditionnel de recherche autochtone sur les ITSS

## **Feast Centre Scholarship for Graduate Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows**

### **Application FAQ Sheet**

**1. If I am already a Feast Centre team member, can I apply?**

Yes.

**2. Will it create a conflict of interest if I have a colleague who is a Feast Centre member write my nomination?**

If you are already a member of the Feast Centre, we are still asking that you be nominated by a Feast Centre team member to ensure fairness. While there is the potential for conflict of interest, we will ensure that the person who has nominated you will not be on the review committee or be responsible for making a decision about who receives these funds.

**3. If an institution with which the Feast Centre works is eligible to hold research funds and has a Feast Centre team member, could they count as an institution who could hold a scholarship, or is it necessary to apply for a scholarship through the university which one is attending?**

Organizations that are designated as eligible to hold research funds and employ a Feast Centre team member can distribute scholarship funds. We can transfer funds to academic and community-based institutions that house Feast Centre researchers and knowledge users as long as they are allowed to hold research funds and can guarantee the direct transfer of funds to the scholarship recipient.

**4. How will conflict of interest be accounted for?**

The nominator of the applicant will not be eligible to evaluate the specific application on which they were the nominator. Members of the evaluation committee must declare a conflict of interest prior to evaluating the scholarship applications. Because Feast Centre scholarships must be allocated to Feast Centre team member institutions, our current conflict of interest guidelines will be reframed in order to clearly delineate conflict as being about personal material, economic or academic interest. As a way to reframe

conflict of interest, the new guidelines will hold up the important of a relational ethic that centres fairness and transparency.

**5. At what stage of the PhD program can you be in to apply?**

Applicants can apply at any stage of the PhD. For PhD applicants, the application requirement is to develop a research proposal based on their intended area of focus at the stage at which they are applying. This can be done at any stage of their program.

**6. Are there limitations in how these funds should be used?**

As a scholarship, these funds are meant to replace or supplement income. This is a salary award and is not meant to cover research costs.

**7. Can I still receive a Feast Centre scholarship if I have already received a scholarship elsewhere?**

The Feast Centre does not place any restriction on outside sources of funding or employment while holding the scholarship, providing the following is adhered to:

- While the Feast Centre does not place any restrictions on outside sources of funding, any institutional regulations must be followed
- Scholarship holders must devote full-time hours to the studies for which they were funded

**8. Are there any limitations on who can apply?**

We welcome graduate students or post-doctoral fellows who are interested in conducting Indigenous STBBI research within the four pillars of health science (social science, basic science, epidemiology/public health, clinical science). If students/fellows are not already connected with a Feast Centre team member, please contact Research Coordinator Alexxis Kydd at [kydda@mcmaster.ca](mailto:kydda@mcmaster.ca).