



Objective

The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships were established at Harvard University in 1945 by a gift from Annie Reid Knox, wife of the late Frank Knox.

Knox, who served as U.S. Secretary of the Navy in the 1940s and was a highly regarded politician and businessman, believed that strong ties between the United States and Britain were essential to international peace. The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship program promotes the Knox legacy through scholarly exchange between the United States, Britain and the dominions of the British Commonwealth. Since the first fellowships were awarded in 1948, more than 1000 Knox Fellows from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have studied at Harvard University.

According to the wishes of Mrs. Knox, fellows are selected on the basis of outstanding academic excellence, strength of character, and potential for leadership in their fields. Mrs. Knox expressed the hope that fellows, after gaining knowledge and experience from study in the United States, would return to their native countries to become leaders in their chosen fields.

Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

For the 2023-2024 academic year (September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024), up to three (3) Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships will be awarded to students from Canada for graduate-level studies at Harvard University.

The fellowships will cover tuition fees, health insurance fees and include a stipend of at least \$33,000 USD which is sufficient to cover the living expenses of a single fellow for the ten-month academic year. Recipients admitted to degree programs that require multiple years of study are guaranteed two years of funding, provided they remain in good academic standing. Funding beyond two years is not guaranteed and is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The fellowships cannot be deferred.

Eligibility

Applicants to the Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship program must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, normally residing in Canada, as of the application deadline (i.e., Canadians already living or studying in the United States are not eligible);
- be currently enrolled in a first degree (e.g., undergraduate degree) or higher degree (e.g., master's degree) program at a recognized Canadian educational institution with the intention of graduating before the start of the 2023-2024 academic year (i.e., before September 1, 2023); **OR** have completed a first degree or higher degree at a recognized Canadian educational institution within the last five (5) years (i.e., applicants who graduated in or before 2018 are not eligible).



Please note that:

- When applying for a Knox Fellowship, candidates must file an ADMISSIONS APPLICATION directly with the Graduate School of their choice at Harvard University and they must meet the admission requirements and timetable of the School concerned. Candidates are therefore urged to begin correspondence with the particular School at the earliest possible date. **Admission to a School for the 2023-2024 academic year is a condition for receiving a fellowship** (see Conditions/Restrictions section below for details).
- Canadian students who interrupted their studies for military service may be eligible to apply. These applications are handled on a case-by-case basis and applicants should contact Universities Canada's Scholarship Partners Canada division (email: awards@univcan.ca) to discuss their particular circumstances before applying.
- Canadian students who are currently studying in or have graduated within the last five (5) years from a university in another Knox-eligible country (i.e., the United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand) may be eligible to apply. These applications are handled on a case-by-case basis and applicants should contact Universities Canada's Scholarship Partners Canada division (email: awards@univcan.ca) to discuss their particular circumstances before applying.
- Canadian students who are currently studying in or have graduated within the last five (5) years from a university that is not in a Knox-eligible country are not eligible to apply.

Field of Study/Program Requirements

Applicants to the Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship program can pursue full-time graduate studies of their choice at any of Harvard's graduate or professional schools with the following stipulations:

- Applicants seeking admission to Harvard Law School should have completed their resident university education and hold a basic degree in Law before applying for an advanced degree program such as the Master of Laws (LLM).

Please note that the following programs are **NOT** eligible:

- Undergraduate programs
- Part-time or summer-only graduate programs
- Full-time graduate programs that require extensive fieldwork during the tenure of the fellowship
- Full-time graduate programs that support medical research or any other research appointment
- Postgraduate (i.e., postdoctoral) positions
- Harvard Executive Education programs

Conditions and Restrictions

- The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships are not open to Canadians or permanent residents who are currently living or studying in the United States.



- The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships can only be held at Harvard University (i.e., are not transferrable) by students about to begin full-time degree programs (i.e., students who are already studying at Harvard are not eligible). **Applicants are therefore urged to submit their application for the Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships at the same time they submit their application for admission to Harvard University** (i.e., applicants should not wait for a response from the fellowship program before applying for admission and vice versa).
- If successful, applicants must be in residence in the Boston/Cambridge area during the first two years of their degree program. The fellowship program does not support students whose degree programs are primarily based online or require extensive fieldwork during the tenure of the fellowship.
- If successful, applicants cannot defer their Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship (i.e., they would need to reapply to the program to be considered for funding in a future academic year).

Selection Process

All applications are checked for basic eligibility before they are sent to an independent and impartial Selection Committee for review.

The Selection Committee is composed of senior faculty or academic staff from a cross-section of Canada's higher education institutions. They review and rank all eligible candidates based on academic excellence, strength of character, and potential for leadership in their fields. They also consider the quality of the reference letters when completing their evaluation of applications.

Once the Selection Committee has completed its review, the results are sent to Harvard University for consideration.

The final selection of award winners is made by Harvard University's Committee on General Scholarships. The Committee's decisions are final and irrevocable.

Selection Results

Successful applicants will be notified by Harvard University before April 15, 2023. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by Universities Canada via email before June 30, 2023.

Payment

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship payment(s) is managed by Harvard University.



How to Apply

Applicants must prepare and submit an application online by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/>

Applicants should be aware that they do not have to complete their application in one sitting; they can log into the online portal and add to or edit their application as many times as they like up to the point of submission. Applicants can also view the status of their application (e.g., draft, submitted, withdrawn, etc.) in the online portal.

Applications are accepted in English only.

Applicants will be required to complete one (1) application form and upload four (4) pieces of supporting documentation to complete the application process. **Applications must be received before Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m. EST.** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application form and supporting documents are submitted by this deadline. If any of the documents are not received on time or do not meet specified requirements, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Applicants will be notified by email once their application has been received.

Application package:

1. Application Form

Applicants must complete and submit an online application form. The application form includes a series of questions as well as a section for an essay. The essay, which cannot exceed 1,000 words, must provide an account of the applicant's academic pursuits, intellectual interests, extra-curricular activities, and reasons for wanting to study at Harvard University. The essay should also outline the applicant's plan of study at Harvard and future career plans.

2. Curriculum Vitae

Applicants must submit a copy of their curriculum vitae.

3. Letters of Reference

Applicants must submit two (2) Letters of Reference. The letters must come from two different individuals.

All reference letters must be typed, dated, and signed with an original or secured electronic signature. The person writing the reference letters should describe their relationship to the applicant in the letter and include their contact information (i.e., name, address, email, telephone number). A reference letter will only be accepted if dated within one (1) year of the application deadline.

Guidelines for Referees are available for download in the online portal. Referees can give their letter to the applicant so that the latter can upload and save it with their application. Alternatively, referees can submit their letter by email to awards@univcan.ca before the application deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that each referee is advised well ahead of time that they will need to write a letter on the applicant's behalf and that they have ample time to do so before the application deadline.



4. Transcripts

Applicants must submit their undergraduate transcripts as well as any applicable graduate level transcripts (including both past programs and programs currently in-progress). Applicants studying medicine must also submit their rotation report.

A transcript will be only considered acceptable if it is presented on the official paper of the institution AND it bears the appropriate signature(s) and/or seal of the institution. Please note that it can take several weeks for transcripts to be ordered and processed. It is therefore highly recommended that you order your transcripts well in advance in order to ensure they arrive on time and can be uploaded before the application deadline.

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Universities Canada's Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) division administers the Canadian fellowship program on behalf of Harvard University who retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the fellowship program without notice.

Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industries, communities, and institutions in other countries.

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