

3M National
Student Fellowship



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TODAY'S SESSION

- ABOUT the 3M National Student Fellowships
- ELIGIBILITY;
- NOMINATORS and NOMINEES;
- NOMINATION DOSSIER
- INFORMATION CO-ORDINATES



3M Fellowships

National Teaching Fellowships and National Student Fellowships

- CELEBRATE Educational Leadership;
- PROMOTE and EMPOWER Educational Leaders;
- CONNECT Educational Leaders in a community that seeks to improve the culture and practice of HIGHER EDUCATION in Canada through
 - Advocacy;
 - Communities of Practice;
 - Experimentation, exploration, innovation;
 - Mentoring;
 - Reflection;
 - Scholarship.



The Student Fellowship

- 10/year;
- \$5000;
- Invitation to STLHE conference (accommodation, registration & transportation);
- Delivery of the conference plenary presentation;
- Cohort retreat;
- Cohort project;
- Cohort mentor.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE for NOMINATION?

Nominees must

- be enrolled as a full time undergraduate in a post-secondary Canadian institution;
- have completed at least one full semester of study at the time of nomination;
- have not previously received a 3M student fellowship.

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

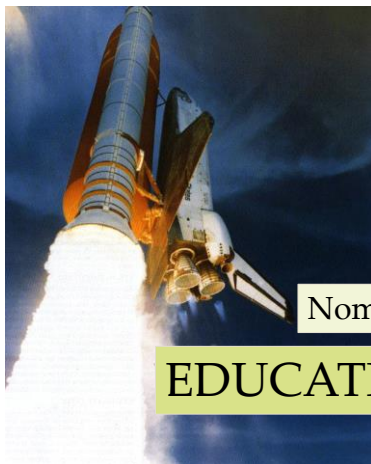


- Fellow students;
- Faculty;
- Staff;
- Administrators;
- Community members;
- Teams of any of the above (One person will be the “point contact”).

HOW CAN I BE A GOOD NOMINATOR?

- **KNOW** your nominee:
 - speak **IN DETAIL** and with **CONVICTION**;
- **SYNTHESIZE** the dossier:
 - Create a succinct and meaningful statement for the adjudicators;
- Be **PART OF THE PROCESS**:
 - Work with the nominee on your nomination letter as the dossier develops.

NOMINATORS ARE BOOSTER ROCKETS



Nominating someone is

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

3M Student Fellows

Are not

- “award-winners”;
- “achievers”;
- CV-builders, GPA-chasers, individualists;
- Self-promoters;
- “perfect students”
- conformists.

ARE

- Members of a Fellowship;
- Leaders, committed participants;
- Community-builders, reflective actors;
- Story-tellers;
- engaged learners;
- creative explorers.

“These students embrace a vision of education that enhances their academic experience and beyond”

<https://www.stlthe.ca/awards/3m-national-student-fellowships/>

THE NOMINATION DOSSIER

YOUR STORY, YOUR VOICE

this is my story.

NOT YOUR PROF'S GRANT APPLICATION

Your dossier is NOT

- A “ticky box” list of achievements and awards;
- A collection of information;
- A box of “evidence”;
- An academic paper or proposal.



YOUR STORY, YOUR VOICE

YOUR DOSSIER IS

- A **NARRATIVE** about
 - Your values;
 - Your experiences;
 - Your commitments;
 - Your actions;
 - Your lessons and how they have changed you.
- A **STORY** about who you are as a leader, how you got here and where you want to go.
- A **CURATION** of materials that demonstrates how you have put your values and leadership into action.



THE DOSSIER'S CONTENTS

- SEE <https://www.stlhc.ca/awards/3m-national-student-fellowships/> for detailed descriptions and rules about length and formatting.
- Cover page
- Letters of support (nomination letter, institutional letter of support, reference letters);
- Academic Performance (transcripts);
- Leadership Statement;
- Challenges in Post-Secondary Education (issues your leadership tackles);
- Transformational Educational Experiences (things that have shaped you, fired you up, urged you forward);
- Awards and recognition (those that demonstrate that your leadership is seen and valued by others).

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- UNIQUE to you and your institution;
- DEFINED by you.

An intervention in the culture of your institution that creates change or opportunity for others, that supports the efforts of others to become their best learners and best selves.

Educational leadership imagines ways to go *beyond the self*.



THE THROUGH-LINE: STORY

- **BUILD** your story around a **CENTRAL THEME**, idea or experience that will help you to **TIE TOGETHER** all of your statements and supporting evidence.



CURATING THE EVIDENCE

The dossier is **BRIEF** (only 15 pages in total), so you must choose your illustrations and evidence carefully. Focus on the following:

- Powerful, vibrant, immediate experiences or anecdotes;
- Evidence that speaks to the **SPECIFICS** of your story;
- Examples that connect to your **THROUGH-LINE**;
- Examples and evidence that demonstrate a clear **CONNECTION** between your **VALUES** and your **ACTIONS**.



LETTERS OF SUPPORT

DO NOT

- DO NOT use vague and meaningless language like “exceptional,” and “passionate” and “incredible”;
- DO NOT choose letters that repeat what you’ve already said;
- DO NOT include letters from people who do not know you or your work.

DO

- Describe the nominee in language that is SPECIFIC and ILLUSTRATIVE;
- Choose letters that ADD to your narrative:
 - New details;
 - Context;
 - Reflection on outcomes;
- Choose letters from people who can speak from experience about you as a person and a leader (A letter from a big-wig who speaks in general is not as valuable as one from a peer who knows you).

BE BRAVE



INFORMATION

- NSF main page: <https://www.stlhe.ca/awards/3m-national-student-fellowships/>
- NSF FAQ: <https://www.stlhe.ca/awards/3m-national-student-fellowships/faq/>
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