

## APPLICATION FOR: **Queen's Jessie V. Deslauriers Award**

The intention of these awards is to provide access to undergraduate outdoor education and field research for students from backgrounds who have faced systemic barriers to accessing these opportunities. These scholarships were created in recognition that undergraduate-level field courses can positively impact one's interest in natural sciences and can career trajectories.

Applicants will be awarded primarily based on self-identification as a Black, Indigenous, or visible minority (South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean and Japanese) Queen's undergraduate student. We also consider academic achievement, the applicant's need for financial support, their previous access to outdoor education, and their interest in field biology. We encourage all students in good academic standing (Grade Point Average > 1.6) to apply.

### **Queen's Jessie V. Deslauriers Award:**

This award is funded through a generous donation to the Queen's University Biological Station from the estate of Jessie V. Deslauriers. This award is for undergraduate students who wish to take any field course hosted at the Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS; <https://qubs.ca>). The field course can be part of OUPFB or be offered only at Queen's University for Queen's undergraduate students.

Both awards will be adjudicated by a committee consisting of the Queen's OUPFB chair, two representatives from the SCB, two Biology graduate students, a faculty member from the undergraduate committee, and the QUBS senior manager.

Please answer all nine questions and send this application form **and your current transcript** to Rachel Batson at [ug.biology@queensu.ca](mailto:ug.biology@queensu.ca). The application is due February 6, 2026. You must **also** apply separately to the OUPFB program (application available at <http://www.oupfb.ca>) if you are considering one of their courses.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student number: \_\_\_\_\_

Program and year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Eligibility criteria

1. Do you identify as Black, Indigenous, or as a visible minority, as defined by the Canadian government (<https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3Var.pl?Function=DECI&Id=257515#>)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Space to disclose further, if desired (not required):

2. Which field courses are you most interested in taking? List up to 3 courses (ranking them in order of interest, with the 1<sup>st</sup> being the course you are **most** interested in). See

<http://www.oupfb.ca/modules.html> for list of courses.

3. Have you applied separately for an OUPFB course? Application should be sent to Rachel Batson at [ug.biology@queensu.ca](mailto:ug.biology@queensu.ca) and a \$350 deposit (refundable if you don't get in a course) should be paid at the Biology office.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

## Adjudication criteria

1. Have you participated in a field course before?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which one(s)?

2. Have you participated in field research before (e.g., as a research assistant or Summer Work

Experience Program (SWEP) student)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments (max. 100 words):

3. Do you currently receive funding from the Ontario Student Assistant Program (OSAP) or other

financial assistance to attend Queen's University?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments (max. 100 words):

4. Without this award, would the cost of a field course (on average, \$500–5000 in addition to

regular tuition) be an impediment to your participation?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments, including whether partial funding would allow you to participate:

5. How would the field course benefit your learning experience? (150 words maximum)

6. How does this opportunity align with your personal interests and/or future career goals? (250 words maximum)