Annual Student Scholarship Competition 2026–2027

The Annual Student Scholarship Competition is organized by the SHERPA University Institute (IU SHERPA), in collaboration with the Centre of Expertise on the Well-Being and Physical Health of Refugees and Asylum Seekers (CERDA).

The competition supports students carrying out a master's or doctoral project that contributes to IU SHERPA's research program under the supervision of a researcher member.

The scholarships offered are $5,000 each.

As part of this competition, CERDA will contribute funding for projects within its area of expertise (the health and well-being of refugees and asylum seekers).

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- ☐ Be enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at a university in Quebec.
- ☐ Be supervised or co-supervised by a regular researcher at IU SHERPA.
- ☐ Present a project that contributes to IU SHERPA's research program.
- ☐ Not receive major funding of more than $10,000 per year for this project, including from CIHR, SSHRC or FRQ.

Applications that do not meet all eligibility requirements or are incomplete are not eligible. A student project that is a component of a larger research project may be funded through this competition only if its distinct scope and the student's own contribution are clearly demonstrated.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee based on the following criteria:

- **The relevance and originality of the project and its contribution to knowledge.**
- **The scientific quality of the project** (a relevant theoretical framework, clear and realistic objectives, and alignment with the research problem).
- **The rigour and relevance of the methodology** (an appropriate study design, a suitable population or corpus, and justified data collection and analysis methods).
- **The feasibility of the project** (a realistic timeline, adequate resources and a justified budget).
- **The potential outcomes and contribution to the research program** (scientific or social outcomes, knowledge translation and collaboration with practice settings).

Master's and doctoral projects will be evaluated taking into account the level of study, the current stage of development and the expected scope of the project. The final awarding of scholarships will be based on the evaluation results and the funds available.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

1. Complete and submit the competition application form (limeSurvey). A Word version of the form is available for download if you wish to prepare your application offline before finalizing and submitting it.
2. Download the attestation form, which must be completed and signed by your research supervisor.
3. Attach your supervisor's attestation document to your application form.
4. Submit your complete application by **January 8, 2027, at 4:00 p.m.**

Applicants are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their application and for meeting the submission deadline. Research supervisors are responsible for reviewing the application, supporting its preparation and completing the required attestation document. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

The results will be announced in February 2027.

COMMITMENTS AFTER THE AWARD

Scholarship recipients agree to:

- Complete an annual questionnaire on the progress of the project;
- Present the project results as part of an IU SHERPA or CERDA knowledge translation activity, such as a lunchtime webinar, conference, infographic, or summary document presenting the main results and outcomes of the project.

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