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To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Re: **2026 Mackenzie King Scholarship Competition**

The Mackenzie King Scholarships were established as an independent trust under the will of the late Rt Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King (1874 – 1950) and the trust is administered by a Board of Scholarship Trustees.

The **Mackenzie King Open Scholarship** is open to graduates of any Canadian university who engage in (commence or continue) graduate study (master's or doctoral) in any field, in Canada or elsewhere. One Open Scholarship is awarded annually. The current value is \$13,000 but is subject to change.

The **Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship** is open to graduates of any Canadian university who engage in (commence or continue) graduate study (master's or doctoral), in the United States or the United Kingdom, of international relations or industrial relations (including the international or industrial relations aspects of law, history, politics and economics). Currently, four Travelling Scholarships valued at \$15,000 each are offered annually, but the number and value of the scholarships are subject to change.

Selection of award recipients will be based on high academic achievements (all A's or very nearly so), personal qualities and demonstrated aptitudes. Consideration will also be given to the applicant's proposed program of study. The awards will be made by, and at the sole discretion of the Board of Scholarship Trustees.

Applications must be made to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) of an applicant's "home" university. This is the Canadian university from which an applicant most recently graduated or at which they are currently enrolled. Applicants **must** be a graduate of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins on September 1, 2026. Applicants may apply for both scholarships with a single application if the eligibility criteria are met for both scholarships.

Application forms and additional information are available on the Mackenzie King Scholarships website: <https://mkingscholarships.ca/> GPS may forward the two top-ranked applications received for

each of the two scholarship competitions and requests that departments please post this information or forward the information to graduate students within your unit.

GPS will accept applications and supporting documents until Monday, February 2, 2026