



What is the CARCNET/RÉCCAR Scholarship?

The Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Network/Réseau Canadien de Conservation des Amphibiens et des Reptiles (CARCNET/RÉCCAR) is offering a scholarship program consisting of one or more \$500.00 scholarships awarded annually to Canadian students conducting research to support amphibian and reptile conservation in Canada.

Name of scholarship:

The CARCNET/RÉCCAR Scholarship for Amphibian and Reptile Research.

Purpose of scholarship:

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote knowledge, understanding, and conservation of amphibians and reptiles in Canada.

Application criteria:

Applicants must be current CARCNET members.

1. To apply you must be:

- enrolled at a recognized Canadian University in a fulltime graduate program or as a fourth year undergraduate student conducting research in support of amphibian and/or reptile conservation in Canada,

or

- a Canadian citizen enrolled at an American university in a program of study that will contribute to the conservation of Canadian reptile and/or amphibian species (if this applies your application should include details of how your program will contribute to the conservation of Canadian species).

2. Students conducting research or contributing to the conservation of amphibians or reptiles on a volunteer basis will also be considered. Applicants in this category are requested to provide contact information of at least one individual familiar with their volunteer activities.

3. If you are in a graduate program, your cumulative average in the degree prior to your current program must be 75% (e.g. If you are in a Master's program your cumulative average for your Bachelor degree must be 75%; If you are in a Ph.D. program your cumulative average for your Master's course work must be 75%).

4. Applicants must submit a complete application form and one copy of an official academic transcript (jpg or pdf file) by electronic mail to info@carcnet.ca **NO LATER THAN** 01 December; please provide a copy to the [Chair](#) of the awards committee

5. The award recipient must agree to allow publication of the award announcement, along with their picture, on the web site and in the newsletter of CARCNET/RÉCCAR. The award recipient will also be announced at the Annual General Meeting of CARCNET/RÉCCAR.

6. The scholarship recipient must also provide a brief description of the CARCNET/RÉCCAR-funded project to be published on the web site and in the newsletter of CARCNET/RÉCCAR.

7. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to apply again the following year.

Review Process:

An electronic file of the application, following the template below, and a copy of an official academic transcript (jpg or pdf file) must be submitted by 01 December.

A committee of four members of the board of executive of CARCNET/RÉCCAR will review each application.

An award decision will be made by mid-January, with applicants notified by email shortly after.

Announcement of award:

Award recipients will be contacted by email. A cheque will follow from CARCNET/RÉCCAR within six weeks of award announcement.

Application Template

Please follow the template below using **ARIAL 10 POINT** throughout

Name of Applicant:

Street Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone:

University where applicant is enrolled:

Are you applying as a graduate, undergraduate, or volunteer (for “volunteer” please provide reference and contact information)?

Current degree program:

Previous completed degrees or diplomas:

Brief biography:

(No longer than a half page, single spaced; if the biography is longer and/or printed in a smaller font, the application will be returned for revision). Included in the brief biography should be reasons why amphibian or reptile biology and conservation were chosen for this degree program and the applicant’s future career goals.

Title of research project/description of volunteer activities:

Graduate research project synopsis:

(No longer than 1.5 pages, single spaced; if the synopsis is longer and/or printed in a smaller font, the application will be returned for revision. In the research project synopsis, please include all relevant information using the following sub-headings (numbered citations can be listed on a separate page following the citation style of the Canadian Journal of Zoology):

Introduction to the scientific questions being studied in the research

Species to be studied

Relevance of the research to conservation and/or education of the species being studied or to Canadian herpetology in general

If applicable, location of study sites

Hypotheses being tested

Study design and methods for testing hypotheses

Summary of undergraduate research or volunteer activities:

In plain easily understood language, provide a summary of the project(s) you were involved with (maximum of 1000 words).