



Vancouver Island University

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Application

Building Resilience in Coastal Communities

Inbound Belizean Master's Students

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Self-Screening Checklist

You must confirm that you meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship.

- I am a Belizean citizen
- I am not a Canadian citizen, and I am not applying for Canadian citizenship or permanent residency
- I am 35 years of age or under at the time of application
- I am fluent in written and oral English
- I have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- I meet the entry requirements for the VIU Master's degree program to which I am applying
- I understand the obligations of a Queen Elizabeth Scholarship, and have read and understand the "Terms and Conditions for Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships at VIU"
- I understand that working and living conditions, health care, culture, and other aspects of life in Canada are significantly different than in Belize, and I am prepared to cope with these differences
- I commit to participate in pre-departure training
- I commit to participate in extra-curricular activities that will be expected of me as a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholar
- I intend to pursue studies, research or project work that is directly related to the 5 BRiCC themes
- I will reside in Canada for the entire duration of the planned Master's program (field research may take place in Belize)
- After completion of the Master's Program, I will return to Belize for a minimum period of two (2) years to apply the knowledge and skills I have obtained at VIU and contribute to Belize's Social or economic development

Application Checklist

Please ensure you include the following items before you submit your application.

- I have attached an updated curriculum vitae
- I have arranged for a letter of support from an organization that is doing work related to the BRiCC themes to be submitted to VIU's Manager, Education Abroad by the application deadline
- I have submitted a completed application and necessary supporting documentation to a VIU Master's degree program by the QE Scholar deadline of November 23, 2015

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Applicant Information

Surname:	Given Name(s):
Email:	
Telephone number:	
Date of Birth DD-MMM-YYYY:	
I identify as an Aboriginal or Indigenous person	

Please indicate the term in which you expect/prefer to begin your studies in Canada (based on the intake schedule of your program of study):

Summer 2016 Fall 2016 Spring 2017

Mandatory Criteria

I am a Belizean citizen.

I am not a Canadian citizen and I am not applying for Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.

I have completed an application to one of the Master's degree programs at VIU: (indicate which)

Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management

Masters in Educational Leadership

Master of Business Administration

Master of Geographic Information Systems

Applications Master of Community Planning

VIU Application #:

By submitting this application, I declare that:

- 1) I have answered all questions applicable to me and certify that the information is true and complete
- 2) The selection committee may request additional information pertaining specifically to my academic performance and enrollment status for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the scholarship
- 3) I have read and agree to be bound by the ("*Terms and Conditions for Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships at VIU*")
- 4) If I receive a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship, I will return to Belize for a minimum period of two (2) years following completion of the scholarship in order to apply the knowledge and skills I have obtained at VIU and contribute to Belize's social or economic development

Signature:	Date:
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Academic Record

List all postsecondary institutions attended and currently attending.

Name of Institution	Location	Start Date MMM- YYYY	End Date MMM- YYYY	Degree Program	Degree conferred (yes/no)

List all postsecondary scholarships and awards you have received.

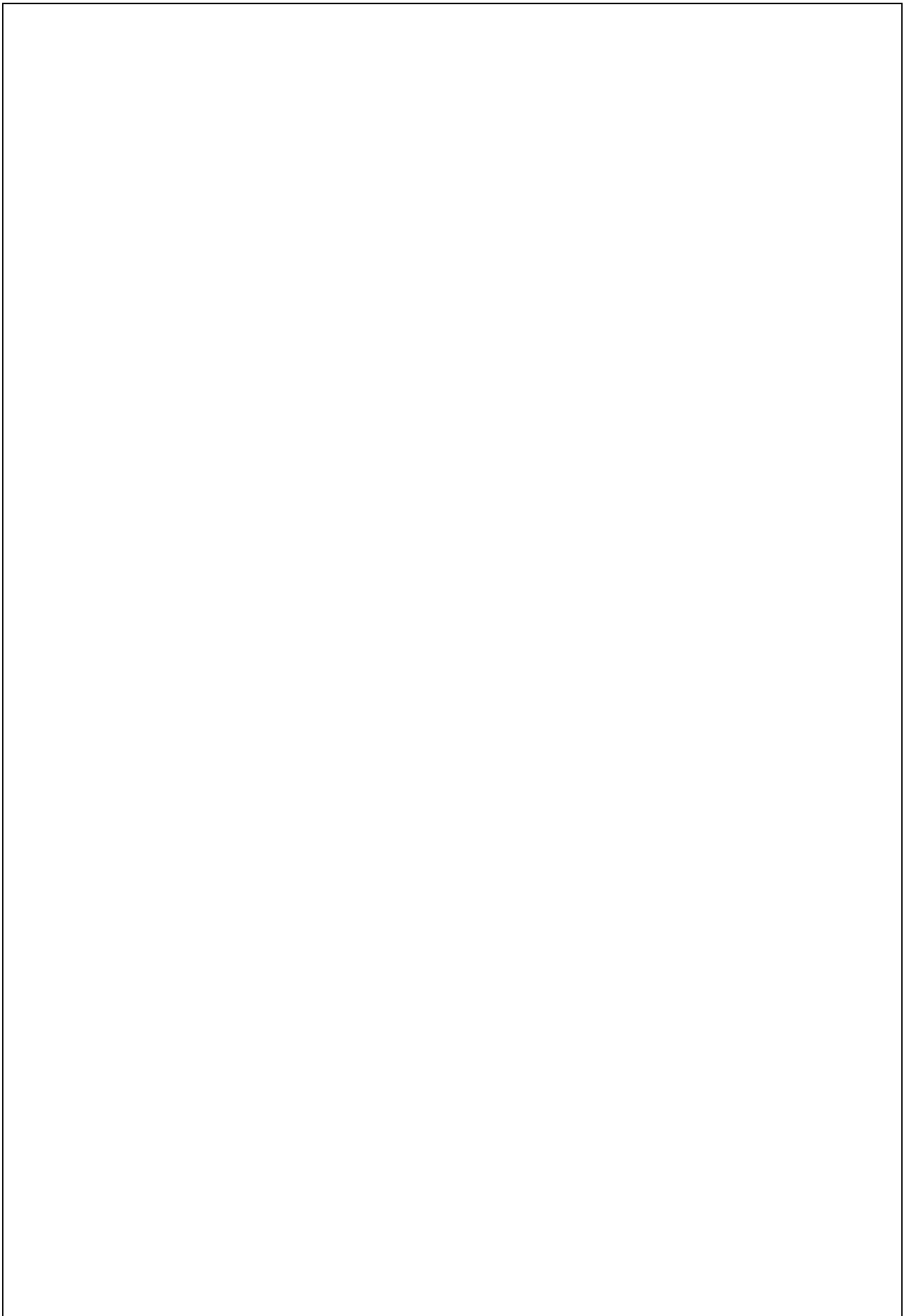
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Statement of Intent

In the space provided below, please provide a *Statement of Intent* (of no more than 1,000 words) that explains how you and your project meet the selection criteria including:

- your scholastic interests and academic plan
- how your proposed research/studies relate to your career goals in Belize
- how your proposed research/studies are linked to national plans, strategies or defined concerns for coastal communities in Belize
- how your proposed research/studies will contribute to the work of at least one organization in Belize that is currently working in at least one of the 5 BRiCC theme areas
- how your past work, study, and/or voluntary activities relate to one or more of the 5 BRiCC themes
- how your proposed studies or research can be applied in other coastal communities across the Commonwealth
- your community engagement and leadership experience, and how you plan to continue this work in the future

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Letter of Support

Using the templates provided, please arrange for the following letter of support to be submitted to Jennifer.Sills@viu.ca, Manager, Education Abroad at Vancouver Island University:

- 1) A [letter of support](#) from an organization that is working on at least one of the BRiCC themes (preferably in Belize or on Vancouver Island)

Selection Criteria

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Relevance of research interests or proposed studies to one or more of the 5 theme areas of BRiCC.	30%
Demonstration of linkages between the proposed studies or research within the BRiCC themes, and the applicant's career goals	20%
Relevance of the proposed studies to recognized national strategies or plans in Belize related to the 5 BRiCC themes	10%
Relevance of the proposed studies to the mandate, activities or plans of an organization in Belize working on the 5 BRiCC themes	10%
Applicant's demonstrated past involvement in activities related to one or more of the 5 BRiCC themes	10%
Applicant's description of relevance to Vancouver Island and/or other coastal communities across the Commonwealth	10%
Academic Grades	10%
TOTAL	100%

*Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships are not awarded on the basis of financial need.

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Terms and Conditions

Introduction

A Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship may be awarded to a Belizean student who is registered in any of Vancouver Island University's Master's Degree programs.

Distance learning/on-line programs are excluded.

Participation in the QE Community of Scholars

VIU's QE II Scholars must commit to ongoing participation in the QE II Community of Scholars of at least five (5) hours per month in advance of, during and in the twelve (12) months following the scholarship period.

Involvement in the Community may include organizing or participating in events, sharing research results or methodologies, supporting fellow QE II Scholars across the Commonwealth, or mentoring new Scholars as they enter the program.

The minimum mandatory commitments include:

1. Participation in an annual QE II Scholar orientation and welcome.
2. Participation in regular meetings with fellow QE II Scholars and associated VIU faculty.
3. Quarterly written reports to the Manager, Education Abroad outlining academic progress and the Scholar's contribution to the QE II Community of Scholars.
4. At least one verbal presentation/report/debriefing with a Belizean organization identified by VIU.
5. At least one verbal presentation to VIU's QE II community partners in the Nanaimo Region.
6. At least one verbal presentation to the VIU community.
7. Active participation in mandatory QE II networking events, webinars and educational events, as directed by the Manager, Education Abroad.

Personal Conduct

This is a prestigious award and Scholars will act not only as ambassadors of the program but of their own country and the Commonwealth as a whole. Thus a high level of professionalism, ethical behaviour and scholastic performance must be maintained.

These expectations are in addition to the policies and procedures of Vancouver Island University, including the university's [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Financial Contribution from the QE II Scholarship

The QE II Scholarships for *Belizean* students undertaking a Master's degree at VIU will cover the Scholar's costs of:

- VIU tuition fees for the minimum number of semesters required to complete the Master's program
- VIU student fees
- Required textbooks (to a maximum of \$600 CDN/year)
- One (1) return economy air fare to Nanaimo, British Columbia from Belize (an additional flight may be covered under special circumstances and where it is considered a necessary for program completion)
- Entry visa application fee
- VIU Student Extended Health Plan and British Columbia Medical Service Plan Premiums
 - The health insurance coverage extends for the duration of the residential academic elements of the degree and project work or research undertaken in Canada.
- A one-time arrival allowance of \$600 CDN to cover start-up costs
- A one-time clothing allowance of \$350 CDN
- Reasonable costs of research or project equipment, if applicable
- A living allowance of \$1,200 CDN per month for each consecutive month of full-time studies in Canada, limited to the minimum duration of the program

The total value of the scholarship will depend on the program you are entering.

Financial Contribution from the Scholar

Scholars are responsible for their personal expenses including:

- Cellular telephone, Internet, telephone or television services and charges
- Personal items, including clothing (except clothing allowance above)
- Cosmetics, medications, prescriptions, medical expenses not covered by the VIU student medical insurance programs
- Ground transportation costs in Canada
- Recreational or social activities
- Memberships, including associations, groups or clubs
- Vacation and additional international trips

Duration of Scholarship

Scholarship funding will begin at the start of the Master's program. Scholars must reside in Canada throughout the period of academic study. Field research may take place outside Canada, if approved in the scholar's plan of study.

Scholars must be engaged in full-time studies and complete the entire Master's program within the shortest possible time frame offered by the program.

Deferment

Deferments of the scholarship will not be permitted.

Cancellation of Scholarship

VIU reserves the right to cancel a scholarship if:

1. The Scholar's academic performance falls below a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 (or equivalent class average) and remains there for more than one semester.
2. The Scholar is placed on Academic Probation.
3. The Scholar does not participate in scheduled QE II Scholarship activities.
4. The Scholar ceases to be a VIU student for any reason.
5. The Scholar applies for Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residence status.
6. The Scholar fails to consistently attend scheduled meetings with associated faculty, the Manager, Education Abroad, or does not fulfill quarterly reporting requirements.
7. The scholar fails to follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

The Scholar's performance will be reviewed by the Manager, Education Abroad, at the end of each semester. The Manager, Education Abroad, will make recommendations to the VIU QE II Scholarship Implementation Committee regarding continuation of scholarships for each Scholar.

Payment of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship funds will be used to pay scholarship-related VIU tuition fees. Living and other allowances (excluding airfare) will be paid directly to the Scholar. A VIU travel coordinator will arrange and pay for airfare.

Taxation

A portion of scholarship awards may be taxable in Canada. At the end of each fiscal year, Scholars will be issued a T4A tax slip by VIU. For more information, see: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/nrrsdnts/ndvdl/ntl-eng.html>.

VIU Policies and Procedures

Scholars are VIU students and are required to abide by all VIU policies and procedures related to student conduct.

Scholarship Acceptance

Applicants must notify VIU of acceptance of the award within one (1) week of notification of their scholarship and offer of admission into their program of study.

Scholars must commence scholarship activities within one (1) year of the offer of admission.

Voluntary Withdrawal

If a Scholar voluntarily withdraws from the program of study for any reason, VIU will be responsible for costs incurred to the date of withdrawal only, plus airfare to Belize.

Legal Status in Canada

Belizean QES Scholars will be required to obtain a Study Permit from the Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Application for citizenship or permanent residency will result in cancellation of the Scholarship.