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PACIFIC LEADERS GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The Pacific Leaders Graduate Student Fellowship will attract top-quality researchers to the B.C. Public Service while producing research to address key issues facing British Columbia. The fellowships support graduate students whose areas of research are relevant to the future of the province.

- Pacific Leaders Fellows will receive \$20,000 per year for each year of graduate studies up to two years, with 20 Fellows chosen each year.
- Students must have completed or nearly completed a bachelor's degree and plan to continue full-time studies at a B.C. public university or university college, with at least 75 per cent of their school time to be spent in research and course work.
- Applicants must have at least an A-minus average in each of their most recent two years of full-time study and show potential to develop as excellent researchers or analysts.
- Their research and findings must be available for the use of the B.C. government, and students applying for fellowships must show how their research is relevant to government.
- Once students complete their graduate degrees, they must work one year for the B.C. Public Service for every year of graduate studies funded through the fellowship.
- Areas of focus will be related to government's priorities in areas of current and future skills shortage and/or immediate research needs.
- Fellowships are available to students in either master's or doctoral studies. Professional programs or "applied" or "executive" graduate degrees are not included, as these graduate programs have smaller research components.
- The deadline for the first round of applications for the Pacific Leaders Graduate Student Fellowship is May 17, 2007, and will include graduate students at B.C.'s four research-intensive universities: the University of Victoria, the University of B.C., Simon Fraser University and the University of Northern B.C. These fellowships will apply to programs starting in September 2007.
- After that, the program will be expanded to include all public B.C. universities and university-colleges with research-intensive graduate programs. Consideration will be given to expanding the program to other Canadian Institutions. The application deadline will be Sept. 30 every year, including 2007.
- An internal selection panel from the B.C. government will adjudicate applications.
- Short-listed candidates from the first round of submissions will make presentations to the selection panel in June, and fellowships will be announced later by early July.
- More details and applications are available at www.pacificleaders.gov.bc.ca.

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