

Call for Applications

Indo-Pacific Scholarships and Fellowships for Canadians (IPSFC) Graduate Research Opportunities in India

Graduate students are invited to apply for research opportunities in India supported through the IPSFC, funded by the Government of Canada. These opportunities advance Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and Laurier's internationalization and research priorities.

Funding	Duration	Location	Renewal
Up to \$15,000	One semester	India	May be possible

Funding is intended to support approved travel, research, and out-of-country costs. Awards are subject to final approval, administrative requirements, and the successful applicant obtaining any required visa.

Who can Apply

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- be enrolled in a master's or PhD program at Wilfrid Laurier University
- be in good academic standing
- be available to participate in the internship during the research terms

How to Apply

Applicants should identify the research opportunity for which they are applying and submit to the Research supervisor indicated:

- A brief statement of interest outlining project fit, relevant experience, and research interests
- A current CV
- A short writing sample or research-related work sample
- Unofficial transcript
- Names and contact information for two references

Award Conditions

The start and end dates will be agreed upon by the successful applicant and the relevant research supervisor. Renewal may be considered based on project needs, funding availability, satisfactory progress, and mutual agreement. To retain the award, the successful applicant must complete and return the required IPSFC acceptance form at least one month before the agreed start date.

Opportunities

1. Urban Migration Research in India

Research supervisor: Dr. Kathy Hogarth

Research focus: This project examines the social, economic, policy, institutional, and community dimensions of urban migration in India. The selected student may contribute to research planning, literature reviews, grant and proposal development, fieldwork preparation, data collection and analysis, research reporting, and knowledge mobilization.

Ideal applicant. A graduate student with academic preparation or demonstrated interest in urban migration, international development, global studies, social policy, India, or the broader Indo-Pacific region. Strong research, analytical, writing, organizational, and communication skills are expected; qualitative or mixed-methods experience is an asset.

Deadlines	July 31, 2026 (Fall 2026 intake) November 30, 2026 (Winter 2027 intake)
Submit to	khogarth@wlu.ca Subject: Application: IPSFC Project in India

2. Agrarian Livelihoods, Gendered Labour, and Environment and Development in South India

Research supervisor: Dr. Terah S. Sportel

Research focus: Priority will be given to research on agrarian livelihoods in Kerala or Tamil Nadu. Related proposals on gendered labour dynamics or environment and development may also be considered. The project may examine the social, economic, political, and environmental dimensions of rural development and sustainable livelihoods.

Ideal applicant: Preference will be given to students with an undergraduate background in Geography, International Development, or a related field; strong research and writing skills; experience with qualitative or mixed-methods research; and an interest in culturally sensitive, experiential learning in South India.

Deadline	July 31, 2026 (Fall 2026 intake) November 30, 2026 (Winter 2027 intake)
Submit to	tsportel@wlu.ca Subject: Application: IPSFC Agrarian Livelihoods Project in India

3. Sustainable Livelihoods, Gendered Labour Migration and Re-Migration in the Indo-Pacific

Research supervisor: Dr. Jenna Hennebry

Research focus: Priority will be given to research on women's labour migration, migration pathways and sustainability outcomes related to South-South migration in the region. Related proposals on gender, migration and sustainable livelihoods may also be considered. Projects examining governance approaches to labour migration, particularly those designed to develop policy recommendations, are welcome.

Ideal applicant: Preference will be given to students with an interdisciplinary background; strong research and writing skills; interest or experience with mixed-methods research; and an interest in culturally sensitive, experiential learning in Indo-Pacific region.

Deadline July 31, 2026 (Fall 2026 intake) | November 30, 2026 (Winter 2027 intake)

Submit to jhennebry@wlu.ca | Subject: Application: Gendered Labour Migration in Indo-Pacific