



Allied Health Kidney Scholarship Policies

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: November 3, 2025

Anticipated Date for Notice of Decision: May 2026

Funding Start Date: July 01, 2026

Submit your application by email to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2026

The Allied Health Kidney Scholarship Policies 2026 Competition supersede all previous Kidney Foundation of Canada Allied Health Kidney Scholarship Policies. Applicants should always refer to the latest version. The Kidney Foundation of Canada may, without notice, alter the programs or terms of an award. Any major changes will be announced immediately on the KFOC website at www.kidney.ca. The Kidney Foundation of Canada reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and policies. Applicants should contact the National Director of Research, or the Research Grants and Awards Manager as required.

Highlights for 2026 Allied Health Kidney Scholarship Competition

✉ Email Submission of Application

All applications and assessment forms must be submitted electronically by the deadline date, **November 3, 2025 by 11:59 pm EST** to christine.marquis@kidney.ca.

Official transcripts must be emailed to christine.marquis@kidney.ca by the deadline date.

Applications can only be submitted by email.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 KFOC Vision and Mission Statement

Vision:

Kidney health, and improved lives for all people affected by kidney disease.

Mission:

The Kidney Foundation of Canada is the national volunteer organization committed to reducing the burden of kidney disease through:

- Funding and stimulating innovative research;
- Providing education and support;
- Promoting access to high quality healthcare; and
- Increasing public awareness and commitment to advancing kidney health and organ donation.

1.2 Application Submission Deadline

The mandatory deadline date for full application for both new and renewal applications are **November 3 by 11:59 pm EST**.

If the deadline falls during a weekend or on holiday, the deadline will be the next working day.

Applications **RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE** will be considered late and will not be accepted for review.

1.3 Incomplete / Unacceptable Applications

All applicants are strongly advised to carefully read and follow the instructions and requirements outlined in the Allied Health Kidney Scholarship Policies and the Allied Health Kidney Scholarship Checklist page of the application form.

In order to maintain the principle of fairness to all applicants, regulations must be adhered to in the preparation of Allied Health Kidney Scholarship applications. Non adherence to the Policies and Checklist will lead to rejection (without appeal) of the application. Requiring adherence to the regulations has the advantage of being unambiguous for applicants, easily enforceable by staff and/or review panels, and fair and equitable for all applicants.

2. GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF AI IN GRANT APPLICATIONS AND PEER REVIEW

Adapted from the Government of Canada recommendations and CIHR policy statement which can be found at the following links:

[Guidance on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the development and review of research grant proposals](#)

[CIHR Policy Statement on the Use of Artificial Intelligence-based technology in peer review meetings - CIHR](#)

2.1 Utilization of AI in the preparation of grant proposals

The Kidney Foundation recognizes that generative AI may be valuable to applicants in the creation and preparation of many aspects of their grant applications.

If AI is utilized, its use should be appropriately and clearly stated within the application and methods.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada *encourages applicants to refrain from the utilization of generative AI in the creation of their grant applications* and reminds applicants that Nominated Principal applicants are responsible for the content which is provided within their grant applications. This includes information, text and data/figures that are provided by trainees, co applicants, or other grant authors. To maintain research integrity, information provided within applications must be accurate, true, complete and appropriately referenced.

Utilizing generative AI may lead to inaccurate representation of information or may introduce inappropriate or incomplete acknowledgement of authorship/ownership.

Please note that applicants should also be aware that most generative AI tools incorporate data input into further queries, and therefore any information provided may no longer be considered private.

2.2 Utilization of generative AI in the evaluation of grant applications

Generative AI tools including transcription tools are potentially powerful tools which can often increase efficiency of work, and their utilization is becoming increasingly common across all sectors to increase productivity.

Peer review discussions contain protected information where confidentiality of all provided materials is required. Protection of applicant data is of utmost importance. Upload of any application information to any AI tools, or utilization of any transcription tool is strictly prohibited during the review process. These tools could result in breach of privacy and eliminate the protection of intellectual property.

Peer reviewers are recruited for their critical thought and specific expertise. AI tools do not appropriately possess this capability and are therefore inappropriate for use in this context. If review meeting attendees (including reviewers, observers, funders, or staff) are found to be utilizing AI technology in the process of review, they will be considered to be in breach of the Kidney Foundation of Canada's research confidentiality policy and be removed from the review committee. Additional follow up such as removal of any current funding, or ability to apply to future funding from The Foundation may also be considered.

3. ALLIED HEALTH KIDNEY SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

3.1 Description

The purpose of the Allied Health Kidney Scholarship award is to assist the student with a demonstrated interest in nephrology/organ donation in pursuing education at the Masters level to promote and enhance the development of nephrology allied health research training in Canada.

3.2 Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- serve as a nephrology nurse or technician, social worker, pharmacist, dietitian, transplant coordinator or other allied health professional;
- have a demonstrated commitment to the area of nephrology or organ donation with an interest in kidney research.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a minimum of two years full time equivalent experience;
- have Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status;
- be accepted in proposed course of full-time or part-time study;

3.3 Funding Information

<u>Funds available</u>	<u>*Full-time</u>	<u>*Part-time</u>
Masters Level	\$5,000	\$2,500

*Up to a maximum of \$10,000 Cdn.

3.4 Duration and Tenure

The award is for one year and funds are paid on July 1. Second year awards can be obtained upon successful reapplication by **the deadline date**.

3.5 Payment of Award

Funds may be administered through the comptroller of the university or institution concerned. The complete name and address of the comptroller must be included on the application form.

3.6 Intellectual Property and Patents

The KFOC must be informed of any commercial application arising from KFOC program-supported activity.

The KFOC program does not retain or claim any ownership of, or exploitation rights to, intellectual property developed under KFOC program funding. These are owned by the institution and/or the inventor.

Should the inventor decide to pursue commercialization of any results of the research funded by the KFOC, he or she must disclose to their institution any potential intellectual property arising from the research; he or she and the institution must make every effort to provide the greatest possible benefit to Canada from the resulting commercial activity.

The above requirement for disclosure is not intended to supersede any policy on disclosure that the institution might already have in place.

5. EMAIL SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

- A letter from the academic institution confirming acceptance into a full-time or part-time course of study by **June 30**.
- Copy of the program description from the academic institution.
- A certified transcript of the applicant's post-secondary academic records. These must be **received by the deadline date** at the latest.

Official transcripts must be emailed to christine.marquis@kidney.ca by the deadline date.

Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered.

6. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

Scholarship applications are evaluated by the Allied Health Scientific Committee using the following criteria: previous academic performance, previous work experience, future employment plans, focus of studies in nephrology, assessment of referees and professional achievements. Final approval is granted by the Foundation's National Board of Directors on recommendation of the Allied Health Scientific Committee. The Kidney Foundation reserves the right to grant or refuse any application without stating its reasons.

7. NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

Successful applicants will be notified by official letter by July. A copy of the letter will be sent to the department head and comptroller named on the application.

The Kidney Foundation expects that all those who receive support will willingly accept invitations to discuss their research with lay members of the Foundation.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by official letter, along with a copy of the letter to the department head. It should be recognized that the Foundation has a limited amount of funds, and although applications may have merit, there may not be sufficient funds to award all such applications.

8. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRANTEE

8.1 Final Project Report

The thesis, final paper or summary report (as applicable to the program requirements) will be considered the final report. This is to be submitted to the Allied Health Kidney Scientific Committee within 90 days following conclusion of the study program.

Two copies of any publications, materials or products arising from the Scholarship award will be sent to The Kidney Foundation.

There will be appropriate acknowledgement of the support of the Foundation in all publications arising out of the work done during the tenure of the award. Two (2) reprints of each publication must be sent to the Foundation.

The applicant is requested to submit a permanent address where he or she can be reached in the future as well as any changes of address for the purpose of any follow-up studies or correspondence the Foundation may wish to conduct.

9. CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information on application submissions, please contact:

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