



Master of Science in Agriculture

Application for Admission

This application contains the following:

- The Application form (2 copies) and instructions (Part A1 and Part A2)
- The Supplementary Application form (Part B)
- 2 Confidential Reference Letter forms

You must assemble all relevant documentation and forward the complete package as instructed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



Application Procedure

- Complete and sign two copies of the application form (Part A1 and Part A2).
- Complete the Supplementary Application Form (Part B).
- Complete an additional page outlining your general area of research interest
- Include evidence of research completed (research paper)
- Ask your referees to complete and return the Confidential Reference Letters to you in sealed envelopes signed across the back.
- Ask your home institution(s) to mail two **official** copies of your transcript(s) directly to: Research & Graduate

Studies Office, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, P.O. Box 550, Truro, NS B2N5E3 CANADA.

- Mail the following documents to the Research & Graduate Studies Office, NSAC :
 - Application form (Part A1 and Part A2)
 - Supplementary Application form (Part B)
 - Application Fee
 - Reference Letters in Sealed and Endorsed envelopes
 - Letter of Research Interest

Your application *will not be processed* without these documents and the application fee.

Confidential Reference Letters

At least two supporting Confidential Reference Letters are required. Ask that your referees place their reference in a sealed envelope, endorse it across the flap of the envelope, and return to you. **Do not open the envelope.** If your referees are reluctant to follow this procedure, please have them mail the envelopes directly to NSAC.

Permanent Residents of Canada

If you are not a Canadian citizen but have Permanent Resident status in Canada, please enclose proof. International tuition fees will be charged if proof is not provided.

English Language Competency

Candidates whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in English before admission. The standard test is TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). It is also recommended that potential students take the Test of Written English component of the TOEFL. Official TOEFL reports are to be mailed to NSAC using the Institution Code 0844. The following other tests will be accepted with the following minimum scores:



Test	Required Score		Website
TOEFL	Paper 580	Internet 92	www.toefl.org
MELAB	85		www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/
IELTS	7		www.ielts.org
CanTest	Average of at least 4.5, with no band score lower than 4.0		www.cantest.uottawa.ca
CAEL	70 overall, with no band score lower than 60		www.cael.ca

A TOEFL score is not required if you completed your university degree from an accredited institution in which the language of instruction is English.

Students with Special Needs

We encourage applicants to indicate any special needs and/or support required for their study. Applicants are advised to contact the Research & Graduate Studies Office, NSAC in writing to ascertain that their needs can be met, since the university may not be equipped to fulfill all special needs.

Information will be used only to assess whether the university is able to provide the necessary support. It will not be considered as part of the admissions process. Offers of admission may be withdrawn if special needs cannot be met.

Application Deadlines

Admission Date	Application Deadline	
	Can. Appl.	Non-Can. Appl.*
September	June. 1	April. 1
January	Oct. 31	Aug. 31
May	Feb. 28/29	Dec. 31

*International applicants should apply as early as possible in advance of the deadlines in order to allow sufficient time for visa processing.

Applicants who require a student visa and are not funded by NSAC or an officially recognized funding agency must provide proof of financial ability with their application. Canadian immigration is increasingly rigorous about requiring proof of sufficient financial support to complete the program of study.

Application Fee

A \$70 (Canadian dollars) application fee is required for each application submitted. The application fee is **payable to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College**. DO NOT send cash. If paying by credit card, please provide all information requested on the application form in Part A1. The application fee is not refundable. Applications which do not include the application fee will not be processed.

Canadian and US applicants: Payable by cheque, money order, bank draft, credit card, or in person by Interact.

International applicants: Payable by bank draft (ONLY ACCEPTABLE IF MICRO CODE ON BOTTOM OF DRAFT), credit card (Mastercard or Visa) – US dollars will be charged on US accounts. Canadian or US funds accepted only.

Application Assessment

All applications are first reviewed by NSAC. Recommendations regarding admission are then forwarded from NSAC to the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dalhousie University. Final decisions on all admissions are made by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), Dalhousie University, and there are no appeals on admission decisions. FGS reserves the sole right to reject applications from candidates who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements. Official acceptance is achieved when the recommendation has been approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Dalhousie University and a formal letter of acceptance is issued by the Dalhousie Registrar's Office. This letter is the only official notification that is sent out.

Information and Instructions

NSAC and Dalhousie University will verify any information provided by the applicant, including letters of reference and transcripts. Information on falsified documents is shared with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Furthermore, if an applicant does not provide complete information or provides falsified documents, the applicant's association with, admission to, or registration in the program may be rescinded and cancelled after notice in writing to the applicant at the home address.

Program Fees 2011-2012

Fall Term

Status	Tuition	Student Fees	Technology Renewal	Total
Full Time:				
Canadian	\$2,491.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$2,744.00+health/dental ¹
International ²	\$4,221.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$4,484.00 + international health insurance
Part Time:	\$830.33	\$54.00 per course	\$22.00 per course	

Winter Term

Status	Tuition	Student Fees	Technology Renewal	Total
Full Time:				
Canadian	\$2,491.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$2,744.00+health/dental ¹
International ²	\$4,221.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$4,484.00 + international health insurance
Part Time:	\$830.33	\$54.00 per course	\$22.00 per course	

Summer Term

Status	Tuition	Student Fees - Athletic ³	Technology Renewal	Total
Full Time:				
Canadian	\$2,491.00	\$45	\$75.00	\$2,611
International ²	\$4,221.00	\$45	\$75.00	\$4,341 + international health insurance ³
Part Time:	\$830.33	\$45	\$22.00 per course	

¹ **Health and Dental Insurance:** All full-time Canadian students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health and Dental plans when they register for classes. The premium for each plan is an annual one (12 months) with Health Insurance - \$155 per year and Dental Insurance - \$135 per year; Total = \$290/year. Therefore, the process for opting out must be done prior to the specified deadline. The deadline each year coincides with NSAC's last date to register for a course. More information regarding your Student Health and Dental plans can be found at www.gallivan.ca or by visiting the on-site Student Benefits Plan Office. Students starting in January will be charged the full Dental Fee but a pro-rated Health fee of \$104. At this time, students starting in May do not have the option of purchasing health/dental insurance until the following September.

² **International Differential Fees:** International Students pay tuition fees that include the basic tuition fee of \$2,491 (program fees); \$662 (continuing fees) plus a differential fee of \$1,730 per term.

Continuing Fees 2011-2012

Fall Term

Status	Tuition	Student Fees	Technology Renewal	Total
Full Time:				
Canadian	\$682.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$945.00+health/dental ¹
International ²	\$2,412.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$2675+ international health insurance
Part Time:	\$682.00	\$54.00 per course	\$22.00 per course	

Winter Term

Status	Tuition	Student Fees	Technology Renewal	Total
Full Time:				
Canadian	\$682.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$945.00+health/dental ¹
International ²	\$2,412.00	\$188.00	\$75.00	\$2675+ international health insurance
Part Time:	\$682.00	\$54.00 per course	\$22.00 per course	

Summer Term

Status	Tuition	Student Fees - Athletic ³	Technology Renewal	Total
Full Time:				
Canadian	\$682.00	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$802.00
International ²	\$2,412.00	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$2532+ international health insurance
Part Time:	\$682.00	\$45.00	\$22.00 per course	

³ **International Health Insurance:** All International students are automatically enrolled in the International Health Plan upon arrival at the NSAC. The premium for each plan is an annual one (12 months) at a cost of \$660 (Sept. 1-Aug. 31)

4. Fees subject to change.

Per Course Fee for Students NOT Registered in the M.Sc. in Agriculture Program

The cost for special students, visiting students and qualifying students to take a graduate course outside the M.Sc. program is **\$744.00 (domestic); \$1,488 (international) per course.**



Financial Assistance

NSAC offers several entrance scholarships to applicants approved (or conditionally approved) for admission to the M.Sc. program. All potential new registrants are automatically considered for these scholarships.

Entrance Scholarships

NSAC offers several entrance scholarships of \$5,000 per year to applicants approved (or conditionally approved) for admission to the NSAC/Dalhousie M.Sc. Program. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic performance (cumulative GPA from undergraduate degree must be first class). All entrance-level students are automatically considered for an entrance scholarship. Recipients of this award must register as a full-time M.Sc. student. Recipients of a Robert P. Longley Graduate Scholarship and students on employment leave with salary continuation are not eligible. No application required.

Robert P. Longley Graduate Scholarships

Two \$7,000 scholarships will be awarded to Nova Scotia students entering the M.Sc. program at NSAC on a full-time basis. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic performance (cumulative GPA from undergraduate degree must be first class). Recipients of NSAC Graduate Entrance Scholarships will not be eligible. Students on employment leave with salary continuation are not eligible. No application required.

International Student Fee Waivers

Non-Canadian students are required to pay an additional differential fee on top of regular tuition fees. NSAC awards several fee waivers to international students admitted to the M.Sc. program. Differential fee waivers are available to students in their first year of the program only and are awarded on academic merit and on financial need.

Research Assistantships

Financial support may be available to graduate students in the form of a research assistantship stipend which is offered by supervisors and is payable from their research grants or contracts. The Research & Graduate Studies office circulates all applications automatically in an attempt to find funding support for each graduate student's program. Research assistantships are often posted on the NSAC website at <http://nsac.ca/gradstudies/assistantship.asp>. Please check this website regularly.



For more information please contact us at:

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