

**Water, Land, and People: Support for Place-Responsive Research and Scholarship  
2015-2018  
A Program for Students and Faculty**

*Wisdom sits in places. It's like water that never dries up. You need to drink water to stay alive, don't you? Well, you also need to drink from places. You must remember everything about them. You must learn their names. You must remember what happened at them long ago. You must think about it and keep on thinking about it. Then your mind will become smoother and smoother. Then you will see danger before it happens. You will walk a long way and live a long time. You will be wise. People will respect you.*

-From Keith Basso's *Wisdom Sits in Places*

**Place-responsive research and scholarship** promotes inquiry that is rooted in what is local—the unique history, environment, culture, economy, literature, and art of a particular place. Its central aim is to contribute to the well-being of places in the present and in the future, an aim which requires a deep understanding of a place's history. Place-responsive research and scholarship is in part a response against academic cultures that sometimes neglect the nearby places that universities ought to, but often do not, serve well. Place-responsive research and scholarship also aims to understand the linkages between one place and other places, and to demonstrate the interdependence between places in a global context.



The **Water, Land, and People** program will support research and scholarship by students and faculty that focuses on, and aims to contribute to, the geographic and cultural regions that Lakehead University serves throughout Ontario. Proposals are encouraged across all disciplines and departments. Collaborative proposals are also encouraged, as are multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives. Proposals must clearly state their relevance to the region, as well as articulate potential positive outcomes for the Ontario region's water, land, and/or people.

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Research and scholarship supported by the Water, Land, and People program will be featured at an annual research symposium, and also on a website hosted by the Office of Research and Innovation. The intent is to encourage research and scholarship that substantively contributes to our communities, and to communicate the positive impacts of that work to a diversity of stakeholders.

**Water, Land, and People Graduate Award Application 2016**  
**Due April 15, 2016**

**Section A - Identifying information:**

Student Name(s):

Program(s) and Year(s) of Study for individual and all members of a group application:

Amount applied for under this Award:

**Identify if this is an individual or group application and check all the appropriate boxes:**

**Section B - Individual Application (*For group application Skip to Section C*)**

1. Are you currently enrolled in a graduate program at Lakehead University?

Yes        No   

2. Does the proposed research contribute to completion of a thesis or other course requirement?

Yes        No   

3. If yes, please provide a short description of the thesis project or course assignment

4. Are you collaborating with Lakehead University faculty members?

Yes        No   

5. If "yes," please provide their names and Departments here and briefly state the nature of the collaboration:

### **Section C - Group Application (*For individual application Skip to Section D*)**

Are all students currently enrolled in a graduate program at Lakehead University?

Yes  No

Does the proposed research contribute to completion of a thesis or other course requirement?

Yes  No

If yes, please provide a short description of the thesis project or course assignment

Is the team collaborating with Lakehead University faculty members?

Yes  No

6. If “yes,” please provide their names and Departments here and briefly state the nature of the collaboration:

### **Section D – Research proposal and budget**

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Please describe the proposed research and how it meets the criteria for this award. Please describe how the award will be used (e.g., salary, travel, equipment, research materials, etc.) **500 words total.**

For projects including faculty collaboration and matching funds from faculty research monies, please describe the nature of the collaboration and how the total funds (award plus match) will be used (included in the 500 word total).

### **Section E – Reference letter**

All applications require a brief signed reference letter in support of the application from a supervising faculty member at Lakehead University.