

Global Skills Opportunity: your next chapter is abroad

About

The Global Skills Opportunity (GSO) is funded by the Government of Canada's Outbound Student Mobility Pilot Program through Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) in partnership with British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), and is administered jointly by Universities Canada and Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan). While open to all Canadian or Permanent Residents, the program targets underrepresented students who identify as Indigenous, low-income students, and students with disabilities to develop the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly globalized and changing economy.

To assist BCIT students with the cost of study or work integrated learning abroad, selected participants may be eligible to receive up to CAD \$10,000.00 per student. The amount of funding you qualify for is determined based on financial need, the length of your international experience, and destination costs.

Eligibility Requirements

The student must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- Citizen or permanent resident of Canada. International students are not eligible for funding.
- Enrolled as a full time or part time student who have completed at least six (6) credits at BCIT, with no FAIL, Unsatisfactory, or Incomplete grade at the time of study or work integrated learning abroad experience.
- Enrolled in a BCIT credential program that is eligible for StudentAid BC (credential programs lead to a certificate, diploma or degree).
- Must complete the Global Skills Opportunity Award application form.
- Applications will be accepted and reviewed by the selection committee on an on-going basis.

Selection Criteria

The selection committee will consider the following criteria in their decision process.

- While available to all BCIT students, special considerations will be given to low-income students, Indigenous students, and students with disabilities.
- The benefit gained between the proposed international experience to the student's academic, future career and professional goals.
- A clear link between the proposed international experience to strengthening the relevant skills with the integration of digital learning and work strategies.
- Accepted into an international experience program outside of Canada
- Strong interest and commitment to fully participate in a study abroad and work integrated learning abroad experience

For more information on the award or the application process, please visit [Global Skills Mobility Award](#) or [BCIT International](#).