



OPEN CALL FOR STUDENT AND INTERNSHIP PROJECTS

GUIDELINES

1. TYPES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT OFFERED

- 1.1. **Excellence grant:** grant offered to candidates registered as undergraduate students, graduate students, or postdoctoral fellows in a postsecondary institution (college or university) to work on their undergraduate project/graduate thesis/postdoctoral projects, related to the objectives of WAGE.
- 1.2. **Internship grant:** grant scholarship offered to candidates enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate studies, and to early career researchers, for an internship of at least one semester in a WAGE partner organization.
- 1.3. **Mobility grant:** grant offered to candidates enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate studies, and to early career researchers, to cover travel and accommodation costs for field research work, or a research or training internship outside their usual institution or organization.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. The WAGE Circumpolar Partnership is launching an Open Call for Student and Internship Projects. The call for projects is open, which means you can submit your project at any time. However, projects will be assessed according to three deadlines: **February 15, June 15, and October 15.**
- 2.2. To be eligible, applications must meet the following criteria:
 - a. The candidate is an undergraduate or graduate student, or a postdoctoral fellow in a postsecondary institution; or is an early-career researcher planning an internship in a WAGE partner organization.
 - b. The candidate is supervised by a WAGE co-researcher.
 - c. Contribute through their project to the objectives of WAGE, to one or more of its research axes and to one or more of WAGE's workstreams (see *Appendix* for details).
- 2.3. Candidates who are part of a WAGE-funded project team, as well as candidates who are not part of a WAGE funded project, are eligible.

- 2.4. Project proposals should clearly indicate their relevance and potential contribution to a better understanding of wealth distribution or inequality in the Arctic or circumpolar North.
- 2.5. Funding is provided for one year. The amounts are as follows:
 - a. Excellence grant - Undergraduate: CAD 5,000
 - b. Excellence grant - Graduate: CAD 10,000
 - c. Excellence grant - Postdoc: CAD 15,000
 - d. Internship grant: CAD 10,000
 - e. Mobility grant: up to a maximum of CAD 5,000
- 2.6. Candidates applying for an excellence grant or an internship grant may apply simultaneously for a mobility grant.
- 2.7. The application must be submitted **by the candidate's supervisor**; only WAGE co-investigator members are eligible to be supervisors.
- 2.8. The application form and the other requested documents, duly completed, must be sent to the following address: info.wage@ulaval.ca.
- 2.9. The processing time for applications is normally no more than 90 days, from the 3 deadlines specified above.
- 2.10. The number of grants awarded depends on the quality of the applications and the funds available.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 3.1. Quality of the academic record and curriculum vitae.
- 3.2. Quality of the project.
- 3.3. Relevance of the contribution to WAGE's objectives, axes, and work packages (see *Appendix* for more details).
- 3.4. Quality of the motivation letter.
- 3.5. Quality of the supervisor's letter of recommendation (using the form provided).

4. MANDATORY ETHICS CERTIFICATION

- 4.1. Research funding is conditional upon obtaining ethical approval from the CÉRUL, the Ethics Committee for Research Involving Humans of Laval University. All selected projects must obtain this approval. Depending on the circumstances, either of the following two paths will be used:

- a. When the institution with which the recipient is affiliated has an ethics certification procedure, the project must first be submitted to this procedure. The certification file that has been received, including proof of certification, is then forwarded to WAGE coordination by the recipient, who will then submit it to CÉRUL for validation.
 - b. When the institution with which the recipient is affiliated does not have an ethics certification procedure, the project must be submitted to CÉRUL, with the assistance of WAGE coordination.
- 4.2. When the proposal does not directly involve human subjects, in accordance with CÉRUL criteria, the recipient must submit a request for exemption from ethics approval, with the assistance of WAGE coordination.