

COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND HERITAGE— Bursary Supports Gaelic Language Learning for Nova Scotians

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Nova Scotians are getting the opportunity to further their study of Gaelic language and culture in Scotland.

The bursary program is funded by the Scottish Government and administered by Gaelic Affairs. Now in its third year, the program supports Nova Scotians attending language training in Scotland with travel, meal and accommodation costs or distance learning costs.

"The program provides further opportunity and motivation for Nova Scotians to acquire Gaelic language and cultural skills through international travel and study or distance learning," said Gaelic Affairs Minister Randy Delorey. "The province appreciates the Scottish Government's support and is pleased to help promote this program through Gaelic Affairs and its community partners."

Recipients will enroll in Gaelic-language study at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, a national centre for Gaelic language and culture on the Isle of Skye, Scotland and attend formal classes. Recipients may also enroll in a distance learning course.

"This scheme stands as one of the many strong links between Scotland and Nova Scotia," said Dr. Alasdair Allan, Minister for Scotland's Languages, The Scottish Government. "I encourage Nova Scotians to apply and to contribute to strengthening both the Gaelic language and the links between both our communities."

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and permanent residents of Nova Scotia to qualify for the bursary. The deadline for applications is Feb. 20.

For more information about applying to the bursary program, contact Lewis MacKinnon at 902-424-4298 or lewis.mackinnon@novascotia.ca .