



Institute in Equity and Advancement in Education

CentRe for Equitable Access to Transformative Education (CREATE)

Programs at CREATE are all designed to remove barriers for students from equity deserving communities to pursue a higher education. Current programs include: a Global Scholars Program for students with refugee backgrounds, scholarships and bursaries to provide equitable access to education, student emergency support, and technology access.

Current Programs:

- **Global Scholars Program: Student Refugee Bursary Program** (Resettlement Bursary / Internal Claimant Bursary)
- **WUSC Program**
- **Canadian Mobility Exchange Program**
- **Financial Aid: Scholarships and Bursarie**
- **Technology Access Program**

Global Scholars Program: Student Refugee Bursary Program - Resettlement Bursary

Columbia College offers fully funded bursaries to students with Refugee Backgrounds in the Metro Vancouver region.

Eligibility:

- Strong desire to re-start educational journey in Canada
- Be under 30, but ideally between ages 15-26
- Landed in Canada under a refugee resettlement program (GAR, JAS, Private, BVOR) OR have a positive IRB court decision as accepted claim
- Basic grasp of English (i.e. qualifies at English 097 or higher)
- Preference of students who have arrived in Canada 4 years or less
- Willingness to study full-time and maintain satisfactory progress in the program

Vision

An inclusive society where students can access the education of their choice and contribute to positive social change.

Mission



Become global and responsible citizens



Can communicate, think critically



Make a positive impact in communities around the world

Global Scholars Program: Student Refugee Bursary Program - Internal Claimant Bursary

Columbia College provides bursaries to students who have filed for refugee status or protect persons in Canada. Students may qualify for all programs at Columbia College at a discounted tuition rate. Students must be 15-30 years old and must present a valid study permit until official Permanent Resident (PR) card presented.

WUSC Program

Building upon our success in the Resettlement Bursary Program, Columbia College partnered with **World University Services of Canada and the Student Refugee Program** in Fall, 2019, beginning our journey in direct refugee resettlement programming. Through this program a Local Committee at Columbia College works with WUSC to select and directly resettle students to begin studies in Canada.

Canadian Mobility Exchange Program

Columbia College has a limited number of bursaries available to qualified students who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or international students who have graduated from a Canadian high school program within the last 18 months.

Eligibility:

- Qualified for University Transfer or Associate Degree Program
- Canadian citizens or permanent residents
- International students who have graduated from the Canadian high school system with a B average in 4 Academic Grade 12 subjects or 2.5 GPA from college on a minimum 9 credits.
- Must be willing to study full time and maintain 2.0 GPA. Continuation of bursary is subject to semesterly check ins at the discretion of Recruitment Manager and annual budget.

Financial Aid: Scholarships and Bursaries

Columbia College and our donors provide a range of financial support to reward your academic and extracurricular achievements and meet your financial needs.

For a detailed listing of all scholarships, please visit:
<https://www.columbiacollege.ca/scholarships/>



I'm further grateful to Columbia College in the extreme generosity of the Internal Claimant Bursary allowing me to access reduced tuition fees and therefore to continue my education even though my status had changed in Canada. Columbia College is an institution that I believe offers a valuable first-hand experience of a Canadian college experience. Attending the college has largely contributed to the career path I am now on...I am grateful for CC for introducing me to a Canadian college experience and helping me meet my long-term goals.

- Mislaine Spes Nshimirimana | Global Scholars Program



Columbia College supports every single student with their mental health, career path, their outside activities, and so many other support more than my previous school. My favorite thing about Columbia College is that I can make new friends and teachers from all around the world and learn about their culture.

- Tasneem Shurbaji | Global Scholars Program