IMHOTEP'S LEGACY ACADEMY   FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose

The goal of the Imhotep's Legacy Academy (ILA) is to increase the number of African Nova Scotians pursuing post-secondary education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The ILA offers weekly interactive STEM-enrichment activities and homework help for junior high students, an on-line tutoring program for high school students and summer research internships for post-secondary students. The ILA has partnered with the Faculty of Computer Science (FoCS) at Dalhousie to create this scholarship for Blacks pursuing a computer science degree at a post-secondary institution in Nova Scotia. Its purpose is to increase the number of Blacks in the field of Computer Science by providing related research experience.

Eligibility

Any Black student currently enrolled in an undergraduate Computer Science program at a post-secondary institution in Nova Scotia is eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have participated, or intend to participate, in the Imhotep's Legacy Academy.

Description

One scholarship is available for the summer **2026**, with contribution from the ILA and the FoCS. This award may supplement any other award. The award is tenable at Dalhousie University under the guidance of a faculty member whose primary appointment is in the Faculty of Computer Science. In advance of their application, students are expected to identify and communicate with the prospective FoCS faculty member(s), whose research is in an area of interest to the applicant.

Selection procedure

Selection is based on a combination of academic performance (50%), research ability (30%) and leadership/community involvement (20%). A cumulative GPA at the time of application in a computer science program of study of at least 3.0 is required.

Selection committee

The selection committee is composed of members of the ILA's Board of Directors and a representative of the Faculty of Computer Science.

Deadline :   February 23, 2026. Submit completed application form (Part I), applicant's statement (Part II), and reference letter (**must come from your supervising professor**), along with most recent transcripts **via email to:**

ILA-FoCS Summer Research Scholarship Selection Committee,
Dalhousie University

Email: ***board.imhotep@dal.ca***

Information: Imhotep's Legacy Academy
Phone: (902) 494-2400   Toll Free: 1-866-996-9452   Email: ilaprg@dal.ca

IMHOTEP'S LEGACY ACADEMY - FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE APPLICATION FOR SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

PART I: Personal Data

Date		
Family Name	Given Name	Initials

ADDRESSES (Changes to contact information must be sent to admin.imhotep@dal.ca)	
Current Address	Permanent Mailing address
Telephone number	Email Address

CITIZENSHIP
☐ Canadian Citizen ☐ Canadian Permanent Resident ☐ International

ETHNICITY
☐ I am an African Nova Scotian, African Canadian, or a person of African heritage

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (Including ongoing postsecondary degree)				
Degree	**Institution**	**Department**	**Month and year started**	**Month and year awarded/expected**

Indicate if you are attending university at the time of application.
☐ Attending full time ☐ Attending part time ☐ Not attending

How many academic terms will you have completed towards your degree program when this award is held? _____

Are you currently enrolled in an undergraduate computer science program?
☐ YES ☐ NO

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Family Name	Given Name	Initials

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE			
Position held and nature of work Full time/Part time (begin with current)	**Organization and Department**	**Supervisor**	**Period** *(mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)*

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS OFFERED (Start with most recent)					
Name of Award	**Value $** *(If any)*	**Type** *(Academic, Research, Leadership)*	**Level** *(Institutional, Provincial, National, International)*	**Location of tenure**	**Period held** *(yyyy/mm-yyyy/mm)*

SIGNATURE
By signing this document you confirm that all information given is correct and you agree to abide by regulations governing the summer research award. _____   _____ Signature   Date

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PART II: Applicant's Statement

*When preparing PART II use the following guidelines. Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" (216mm x 279mm); Pages must be single-spaced and one sided; All text must be in 12 point Times New Roman font; Margins must be set at a minimum of ¾" (1.87 cm); Your name must appear at the top right corner of every page; Pages must be numbered sequentially; **Maximum number of pages allowed is two (2)**; PART II must be submitted along with PART I and all other required documentation.*

A. Research Experience

Describe the technical, scientific or engineering abilities that you have gained through your past research experience. For example experience gained from special projects, honours thesis or co-op reports. If you have relevant work experience (e.g. summer research position) discuss the relevance of that experience and any benefits you gained from it.

Also in this section, provide a brief overview of your research topic and provide the name of the Dalhousie University faculty member who will be supervising your research. **Note:** The research topic and faculty supervisor must be identified and confirmed before an offer letter can be issued to the selected scholar.

B. Relevant Activities

Describe your professional and extracurricular activities that most demonstrate your communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Examples of these include presentations (oral or poster); mentoring; teaching; project management; committees; supervisory experience; elected positions held and volunteer work.

C. Special Circumstances

Describe any special considerations that have had an effect on your performance or productivity, including health problems, family responsibilities, disabilities or other circumstances. The Selection Committee will take these circumstances into consideration when evaluating your application.