



THE CHRISTINE ZACHARY-DEOM MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

2026-2027

FELLOWSHIP RELAUNCH WITH UPDATED CRITERIA AND DEADLINE (OCTOBER 30, 2026)

This yearly fellowship honours the memory of the late **Christine Zachary-Deom**, a respected leader in her Kahnawà:ke community who was deeply committed to developing Indigenous capacity in cultural and heritage fields of study. She was active in the development of the Onkwehón:we Project, but sadly passed away in 2024, before the project was launched. This \$25,000 (CND) fellowship is intended to support the recruitment and retention of Onkwehón:we (Iroquoian) female scholars who are conducting research projects related to the objectives of the Onkwehón:we Project.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be **women** who are members of one of the **Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, Tuscarora), the Wendat Nation, or the Wyandotte Nation** who are undertaking, or intend to undertake, **graduate studies** in archaeology, anthropology, history, linguistics, indigenous studies, museology, archival studies **or related fields**.

The funding can be awarded internationally. It is worth about \$18,000 in USD.

Before funding is released, the successful candidate will have to provide:

- Proof of registration in an academic institution
- A confirmation from their supervisor that they will be overseeing the project
- Proof of Indian status and membership in a First Nation community belonging to one of the nations listed above (in Canada), or proof of enrolment as a member in a federally recognized tribe belonging to one of the Nations listed above (USA)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are asked to send the following documents to

communication.onkwehonwe@gmail.com

- CV
- University transcripts
- Proof of membership in First Nation / Tribe (Indian status card or tribal ID)
- Letter describing your graduate project and its relevance to the goals of the Onkwehón:we Project
- A letter of reference (please include an email and telephone number for your referee, so that we can follow up with them if necessary)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline for the 2026-2027 academic year is **October 30, 2026**. The results will be announced by mid-November, and the funds awarded in January 2027

ONKWEHÓN:WE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Onkwehón:we Project is a research project funded by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Partnership Grant. The project aims to provide better information to researchers, Indigenous communities, and the general public by bringing together and digitizing as much data as possible on ancestral Iroquoia. These data will then be analyzed within a collaborative and decolonial framework in order to make this new knowledge available and accessible.

This partnership brings together over 70 Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers specializing in seven different research domains: **traditional ways of being (Onkwehonwenéha), archaeology, history, bioanthropology, linguistics, archival studies and museology**. The forty-four partner institutions include Indigenous councils, universities, museums, archival centers, research groups, government administrations, nonprofit, and private companies from North America and Europe.