

International Graduate Retention Incentive Program

As part of the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy, *Creating a Province of Choice*, the province has developed an international graduate retention incentive for international students who graduate from a recognized post-secondary institution in Newfoundland and Labrador and have stayed in the province to work. International students at the undergraduate level pay substantially higher tuition fees (approximately 4 times the rate for Canadian students). They also contribute significantly to the local economy during their years of study in the province.

Eligibility Criteria

Category A - Graduates of a 4-year undergraduate program at Memorial University (MUN):

- must be working full time in your field of study at the time of application which must be confirmed by a letter from the current employer;
- must have been nominated by the Provincial Nominee Program of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- must have received permanent resident status from Citizenship and Immigration Canada;
- must be residing in the province at least one year from the date of receipt of permanent resident status; and
- must provide proof of residency in the province (receipts from taxation, rent, telephone, etc.).

Eligible graduates will receive a payment depending on the number of years attending school in the province:

- 1 year = \$1,000
- 2 years = \$1,500
- 3 years = \$2,000
- 4 years = \$2,500

Category B - Graduates of MUN's 1 yr Bachelor of Technology Degree.

- must be working full time in your field of study at the time of application which must be confirmed by a letter from the current employer;
- must have been nominated by the Provincial Nominee Program of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- must have received permanent resident status from Citizenship and Immigration Canada;
- must be residing in the province at least one year from the date of receipt of permanent resident status; and
- must provide proof of residency in the province (receipts from taxation, rent, telephone, etc.).

Eligible graduates will receive a payment of \$1,000. Note: Applicants to this category who completed their college diploma in the Province are also eligible to apply for Category C (below).

Category C – Graduates of a college diploma program from a provincial post-secondary institution:

- must be working full time in your field of study at the time of application which must be confirmed by a letter from the current employer;
- must have been nominated by the Provincial Nominee Program of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- must have received permanent resident status from Citizenship and Immigration Canada;
- must be residing in the province at least one year from the date of receipt of permanent resident status; and
- must provide proof of residency in the province (receipts from taxation, rent, telephone, etc.).

Eligible graduates will receive a payment depending on the number of years attending school in the province:

- 2 year diploma = \$1,000
- 3 year diploma = \$1,500

Category D – Graduates of a MUN Master or PhD program.

- must be working full time in your field of study at the time of application which must be confirmed by a letter from the current employer;
- must have been nominated by the Provincial Nominee Program of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- must have received permanent resident status from Citizenship and Immigration Canada;
- must be residing in the province at least one year from the date of receipt of permanent resident status; and
- must provide proof of residency in the province (receipts from taxation, rent, telephone, etc.).

Eligible Graduate will receive a payment depending on the Graduate degree completed in the province:

- 1 year Master = \$1,000
- 2 year Master = \$1,500
- 3 year PhD = \$2,000
- 4 year PhD = \$2,500

Applicants to the International Graduate Retention Initiative must complete an application form and attach documentation to confirm residency. All other documentation will already be on file with the Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism as part of your Provincial Nominee application.

Note: Maximum payable to any one individual is \$2,500, even though they may fit the criteria for more than one category.

For more information, please visit www.nlimmigration.ca