The Maude Abbott Excellence in Leadership Scholarship

Dr. Maude Abbott was a pioneering physician and medical educator at McGill University, despite being barred from studying medicine there due to her gender. Her leadership in pathology and medical education laid the foundation for advancements in cardiovascular research and helped pave the way for women in medicine.

Award Details

- Value: $250 CAD per recipient (two awards)

Deadline

- Please submit all applications via the submission form by **March 9th, 11:59 PM**.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in one of the following programs at McGill University:

- Honours in Physiology
- Major in Physiology
- Liberal in Physiology
- Major in Physiology and Physics/Mathematics
- Interdepartmental Honours in Immunology

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

1. Curriculum Vitae (maximum two pages). Please remove your GPA. If your GPA is not removed, your application will not be considered.
2. Written essay answering the prompt: "Describe a leadership role(s) you have undertaken in an extracurricular/community setting. How did your actions contribute to meaningful change, and what lessons did you learn from the experience?" (max 300 words)

Evaluation

- Applications will be anonymized during the review process.
- The scholarship committee will consist of two graduate students and three professors from the Department of Physiology.
- Both the curriculum vitae and the written essay will be evaluated using a standardized rubric found below.

For any questions regarding the application process, please contact the PULS VP Academic (jathin.rao@mail.mcgill.ca). Please note that no application feedback will be provided.

Evaluation Rubrics:

Curriculum Vitae (CV)				
Criteria	**Below Average**	**Average**	**Above Average**	**Excellent**
Impactful Leadership Roles	Minimal or no leadership roles listed.	Some leadership roles listed, but unclear or minor contributions.	Clear leadership roles with evidence of moderate contributions.	Outstanding leadership roles with significant, measurable contributions.
Tangible Outcomes	No evidence of results or outcomes from activities.	Some mention of outcomes, but lacking detail or evidence.	Clear examples of contributions with measurable results.	Strong examples of leadership with significant, demonstrable impact on community or organization.
Diversity of Experience	Limited to one or no types of extracurricular or community involvement.	Some variety in extracurricular or community activities, but limited scope.	Moderate variety in activities, showcasing breadth in involvement.	Wide-ranging and diverse involvement across multiple significant activities.
Written Essay				
Clarity of Leadership Narrative	No clear leadership examples or vague descriptions.	Some leadership examples provided, but lacks clarity or depth.	Clear leadership examples with moderate depth and insight.	Strong leadership examples with detailed insight and compelling narrative.
Initiative & Problem-Solving	No demonstration of initiative or problem-solving.	Some examples of initiative, but lacks depth or creativity.	Clear evidence of initiative and problem-solving in leadership.	Exceptional initiative with creative and impactful problem-solving in leadership roles.
Impact on Community or Organization	Little to no mention of impact or outcomes from leadership efforts.	Some discussion of impact, but lacks depth or significance.	Thoughtful discussion on impact with moderate personal or community outcomes.	Deep reflection on leadership impact, demonstrating significant outcomes and influence.
Personal Growth & Reflection	Little to no mention of lessons learned or personal growth.	Some reflection on personal growth, but lacks depth.	Thoughtful reflection on lessons learned, showing moderate personal development.	Exceptional reflection on personal growth, demonstrating significant insights and leadership maturity.