

## **Intervistas/CAC Gerry Bruno scholarship INFORMATION**

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the InterVISTAS/Canadian Airports Council (CAC) Gerry Bruno Scholarship is to provide a scholarship for academic achievement to students at an accredited educational institution in Canada who are working towards a degree and a career in aviation management, planning, marketing and/or policy. Eligibility is to students registered in any accredited Canadian university or college program.

The scholarship will be awarded biennially and announced at the Airports Canada Conference & Exposition.

**Scholarship:** \$5,000 will be awarded to an undergraduate and/or graduate student.

**Scholarship Requirements:** The following requirements are necessary to be considered for the scholarship:

1. Applicants must be **officially enrolled** in an accredited college or university either:
  - (a) an undergraduate program with a course of study that will build skills toward a career in aviation, or
  - (b) a graduate program focused on research on aviation.
2. Applicants must reside and attend school in Canada.
3. Applicants must possess and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a 4-point scale) at the time of application.
4. Applicants must submit the following:
  - (a) Scholarship Application.
  - (b) An official school transcript.
  - (c) Two recent letters of recommendation, with one from a former or current professor/instructor and the other letter from someone other than a professor/instructor that has knowledge of the student's leadership qualities.
  - (d) A 500-word statement must accompany the application. The statement must address the applicant's interest in aviation,

highlighting the area of interest. The statement must also address two (2) of the following topics:

- I. the applicant's interest, suggestions or efforts regarding diversity, equity and inclusion in aviation
  - II. the applicant's suggestions and recommendations to attract current and future students to aviation
  - III. the applicant's suggestions and recommendations to retain new entrants to aviation careers
  - IV. the applicant's suggested top priorities faced by airports at this time and suggested actions
  - V. the applicant's suggested recommendations to transportation policies currently in place
5. Applicants must agree that should they be selected to receive the scholarship, he/she will contact the InterVISTAS and/or CAC approximately one year after receiving the funds. The purpose of maintaining communication is to assist InterVISTAS /CAC in tracking the career paths taken by recipients of the Gerry Bruno Scholarship.
6. *Applications must be emailed no later than **March 30th, 2025** to Jaime Sheridan, Director of Security and Industry Affairs at the CAC (jaime.sheridan@cacairports.ca).*

**Scholarship Criteria:** The selection process takes approximately two months, and the successful applicant will receive notification by email if they have been awarded the scholarship. The following criteria are used for evaluation of the InterVISTAS /CAC Gerry Bruno Scholarship. Applicants must:

- Demonstrate academic excellence and leadership.
- Indicate what aviation related classes or research they have completed or will undertake.
- Demonstrate how they will positively impact the aviation industry.
- Send complete information; emails missing information will not be considered.

\*\* This scholarship is NOT intended for flight training related majors.