

2026 Claire Basinski Chair Scholarship Evaluation Rubric

The 2026 Claire Basinski Chair Scholarship is a one-time award recognizing a

graduate student member who has demonstrated leadership in the field of integrated mobility planning, with particular emphasis on engagement practices.

This scholarship acknowledges emerging leaders who contribute to advancing integrated mobility planning in ways that are strategic, collaborative, forward-thinking, and responsive to the public interest and needs of communities.

Eligibility

- Is the applicant an OPPI student member?
- Is the applicant currently enrolled in a full-time, accredited graduate planning program in Ontario?

Notes for Assessors

- Leadership may be demonstrated through academic research, applied studio work, internships, professional roles, advocacy, student initiatives, or community-based projects.
- “Integrated” engagement refers to approaches that connect mobility planning with broader social, environmental, economic, or land-use considerations.
- “Innovative” engagement may include new tools, technologies, participatory approaches, partnerships, or methods that enhance meaningful participation.
- Reviewers should assess applications holistically and consider the applicant’s stage in their academic and professional journey.

Level	1- Limited	2- Moderate	3- Strong	4- Exceptional
Leadership in Mobility Planning	Limited evidence of leadership in integrated mobility planning activities or initiatives.	Some evidence of involvement in integrated mobility-related initiatives, with emerging leadership elements.	Clear evidence of leadership in integrated mobility planning through academic, professional, research, or community-based initiatives.	Compelling and sustained leadership in integrated mobility planning, demonstrating initiative, influence, and meaningful contribution to the field.

Integrated and Innovative Engagement Practices	Limited evidence of engagement practices or unclear description of approach.	Engagement activities are described but may lack clarity regarding integration or innovation.	Clear description of integrated engagement approaches that demonstrate thoughtful and innovative practices.	Demonstrates highly innovative, well-integrated engagement process and practices that meaningfully involve diverse interested parties and reflect strong understanding of inclusive and collaborative planning.
Impact and Contribution	Limited explanation of impact or outcomes resulting from leadership or engagement activities.	Some indication of impact, though outcomes may be modest or not clearly articulated.	Clear evidence of positive impact, learning, or advancement in mobility planning practice.	Demonstrates significant impact, influence, or contribution with clear outcomes and potential to shape future mobility planning practice.
Clarity and Reflection	Limited clarity or reflection on experiences and learning.	Basic explanation provided with some reflection.	Clear articulation of experiences, motivations, and lessons learned.	Insightful and thoughtful reflection demonstrating depth of learning, growth, and commitment to the field.
References <i>Considers how effectively references support the applicant's commitment, contributions, and potential as a graduate planning professional.</i>	References provide limited detail or specificity regarding the applicant's contributions or potential.	References speak positively to the applicant's abilities and engagement.	References clearly support the applicant's commitment to planning, graduate study, and community contribution.	References provide strong, specific examples demonstrating impact, leadership, and future potential.

Total score: /16