



Women of STAC 2026 Conference Bursary Form

The Women of STAC Conference Bursary is open to members of the Women of STAC Committee who are specifically seeking to attend the STAC 2026 Conference and Exhibition and working for companies that may not have the budget to reimburse the costs of travel, accommodations, and/or admission. The total maximum value of this bursary is \$2,800.

The deadline for this application is January 30, 2026. A random lottery to select bursary recipients will be held once applications have closed.

This bursary will cover the following:

- Accommodation: 3 nights maximum at conference-selected value at conference rate.
- Flight: round-trip, economy seat, with 1 checked luggage, 1 carry-on luggage and a personal item.

As a part of this application, applicants must provide:

- Proof of approval from the applicant's management in the form of a reference who can validate the applicant's permission to attend the conference.

Eligibility:

An applicant **must meet** the following criteria:

- Works for a STAC Member Company at the time of application and time of the conference.
- Is a current member of the Women of STAC Committee and has attended at least 2 committee meetings between December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025.
- Obtains approval from the applicant's management to attend the conference.
- Is a Canadian resident.
- Self-identifies as female.

An applicant is **ineligible** for the bursary if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Resides in Ottawa or within reasonable driving distance (2.5 hours) of Ottawa (location of this year's STAC 2026 Conference & Exhibition).
- Has attended three or more annual STAC Conferences & Exhibitions in the past.
- Has received funding to attend a STAC Conference & Exhibition from the Women of STAC Committee, STAC, or the Canadian Telecommunications Association in the past three years.

Lottery specifics:

The winner of this bursary will be selected by the Canadian Telecommunications Association through a random draw of all eligible applicant names once applications have closed. The lottery will be conducted at the Association's office in Ottawa and overseen by the Association's executive staff.

Once the winner is drawn, Association staff will communicate to the winning applicant first. After the winning applicant is informed, the Association will announce the name of the winner to the wider STAC community.

Canadian Telecommunications Association

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Applicant Information

First:	Last:
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Address:

Street:	City:
Province:	Postal Code:

Phone #		Email address:	
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Company Name:	
Position Title:	
Years in the industry:	

Are you a member of the Women of STAC Committee?

Yes No

Have you attended a STAC Conference & Exhibition before?

Yes No

If so, what years did you attend? _____

Is your company able to support any of your travel to the STAC Conference & Exhibition?

Yes No

If so, how much? _____

Please identify an estimated breakdown of the funding you are requesting and what it would be used for (i.e. flights, accommodations):

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<p>STAC Member Company Reference</p> <p>(Please provide the name of someone at your current company who can validate your application)</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Position:</p> <p>Phone:</p> <p>Email:</p>
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By checking this box, you consent to STAC using your name and image on STAC social media, the STAC website and the STAC newsletter in an announcement if selected to receive the Women of STAC Bursary Fund.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____ / _____ / _____

The application deadline is January 30, 2026. Your application should be sent to ijimenez@canadatelecoms.ca and must be received on or before January 30, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PST.

2026 Conference Bursary Fund Period Timeline:

- November 3, 2025: Application Period Opens
- January 30, 2026: Application Period Closes
- February 2, 2026: Lottery of Applicants
- February 3, 2026: Notification to Selected Conference Bursary Fund Recipient(s)
- April 21-22, 2026: STAC 2026 Conference & Exhibition in Ottawa, Ontario

Terms and Conditions:

- This bursary covers a maximum of 3 nights stay at the conference-selected venue at the conference rate (max. value of \$800) and an economy round trip flight with 1 checked luggage, 1 carryon luggage, and a personal item (max. value of \$2,000). Expenses other than those outlined here will not be covered.
- The Canadian Telecommunications Association will book travel and accommodations for the winning applicant. No other arrangements will be accepted.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Canadian Telecommunications staff based on established criteria to determine eligibility to enter the lottery for the Women of STAC Conference Bursary.
- No personal and identifiable information included on application forms will be shared with any individuals other than staff at the Canadian Telecommunications Association who will review the applications during or after the application period. Personal and identifiable information will also only be used for the purpose of selecting eligible applicants.
- The selected applicant may only use their funding to attend the STAC 2026 Conference & Exhibition. If for some reason they are unable to attend the STAC 2026 Conference & Exhibition, their application becomes void, and they will have to reapply in the future for another opportunity to attend a STAC Conference.
- Applicants to this bursary must ensure that they obtain the appropriate approval to attend the STAC 2026 conference, and it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that, when applying for this bursary, they are not in contravention of their employment agreement and are upholding any relevant employment policies.
- Applicants that fail to provide proof of approval from their company or whose reference denies the applicant's approval to attend the conference will no longer be eligible for this bursary and be removed from the lottery pool.

About Women of STAC

STAC and the Women of STAC Committee are administered by the Canadian Telecommunications Association, a non-profit association dedicated to building a better future for Canadians through connectivity. STAC helps to ensure communications towers in Canada continue to be constructed with the highest regard to worker safety by representing and serving as a collaborative forum for members from the telecommunications industry and related sectors. The Women of STAC Committee is dedicated to supporting women's professional development and career advancement in the telecommunications and related industries in Canada.



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