

Elizabeth Tower Public Speaker Funding 2026–27 Canadian Studies

In 2004, the University of Alaska Anchorage announced the creation of the Elizabeth Tower Endowment for Canadian studies. The goal of this endowment is to increase the visibility of Canada at UAA and in the community and to improve opportunities for UAA students wanting to study in or about Canada.

Amount: Up to \$5,000.

Activities: Awards are dedicated to supporting a public speaking engagement of interest to studies about Canada. Tower Endowment funds will provide up to \$5,000 in publicity expenses, travel expenses and/or honorarium to bring a speaker to campus. The campus or community event must be free and open to the public.

The Tower Endowment will consider support of speakers who have been sponsored for speaking engagements elsewhere in Alaska and who are willing to also speak at UAA or an Anchorage public forum.

Applications are open to community nonprofit organizations, and individual faculty, departments, and student groups at UAA.

Note: This year the committee is particularly interested in proposals that include a partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences Community Lecture Series and is aimed at raising maximum awareness of Canada and Canada-U.S. issues

Deadline: October 30, 2026 (5 pm).

Application Requirements:

Letter to the members of the Elizabeth Tower Endowment Committee, which must include:

- Name and UAA affiliation
- Description of the proposed speaker's topic and its significance
- Explanation of how the project will advance studies about Canada at UAA
- Estimated budget and justification
- Funds must be expended by December 31, 2027
- Acknowledgment: Tower Endowment support must be recognized in all promotional materials, publications, etc.

Before submitting the application, applicants must consult with uaa_casgrantsupport@alaska.edu to make sure the budget proposed is in accordance with

UA policies.

Post-award Report: Recipients must submit a brief report of the activity. The report should state how the funds helped advance Canadian Studies at UAA.

Submit application materials by e-mail to:

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Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Incomplete and late applications will be rejected.