DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Postgraduate
Medical Education

Declaration of Black Identity

Applicants who wish to voluntarily self-identify as Black are invited to complete this declaration as part of Dalhousie's self-identification process for Black learners.

Important Instructions:

- Complete the Self-Identification Category below, selecting the category that best reflects your self-identification.
- Provide a written statement below (500 words or less) that highlight your chosen category, your connection to the Black community, and, if you wish, aspects of your lineage.
    - If you identify as **African Nova Scotian**, please refer to the official definition below and include reference to your specific land-based community.
- Upload this completed form to your CaRMS application and assign it to our program.

Section 1: Self-Identification Category

Please indicate which category you identify with:

- ☐ African Nova Scotian*
- ☐ Black Maritimer
    - ☐ Nova Scotia (without ties to a historic African Nova Scotian community)
    - ☐ New Brunswick
    - ☐ Prince Edward Island
- ☐ Black Canadian
- ☐ Multiracial (please specify):
    - ☐ African Nova Scotian and _____
    - ☐ Black Maritimer and _____
    - ☐ Black Canadian and _____
- ☐ Black and Indigenous

*Dalhousie adopts the following definition from the **African Nova Scotian Strategy**:

"African Nova Scotians are a distinct People who descend from free and enslaved Black Planters, Black Loyalists, Black Refugees, Maroons and other Black people who inhabited the original 52 land-based Black communities in that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia."

Section 2: Written Statement

In 500 words or less, please provide a statement that speaks to:

- The self-identification category you selected.
- Highlights of your connection and lineage to the Black community.
- (If applicable) your land-based African Nova Scotian community.

All self-identification information will be reviewed confidentially by Black faculty leadership within the Faculty of Medicine to ensure it is applied appropriately and respectfully in the admissions process.