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KEGS Foundation Announcement

Record 27 Geophysics Scholarships Awarded for 2020/21

The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce the awarding of a record 27 scholarships totalling more than \$24,000 to twenty undergraduate, four M.Sc. and three Ph.D. graduate students in geophysics at twelve Canadian universities for the forthcoming academic year (2020/21).

These awards mark the twenty-first year of the KEGS Foundation's scholarship program directed at fostering the education of future geophysicists in Canada. The large number of recipients and the level of scholarship awards reflect the number of well-qualified applicants and the evident financial need and economic complications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected many students' studies, research, internships and jobs. The Foundation has endeavoured to respond positively to the applicants' situation in order to sustain students' focus on geophysics, leveraging resources that were not immediately required for other programs.

The **twenty undergraduate recipients** of KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2020/21 include the following four awardees who received named scholarships supported by specific endowments*, in recognition of their particular achievements and focus:

Marie Flanagan @, Memorial University - WAMIC Scholarship

Alexi Morin, Université Laval - KEGS Pioneers Scholarship

Vanessa Yau, University of British Columbia - BCGS Scholarship

Victoria Pereversoff, University of Victoria - BCGS Scholarship

The other sixteen undergraduate recipients of KEGS Foundation Scholarships are:

Ben Clarke and Sarah Greene, Memorial University

David Desrochers, Université Laval

Elena Frie and Aube Gourdeau, McGill University

Olivier Caron-Grenier and Jérémy Gendreau, Polytechnique Montréal

Kaitlyn de Morée van Lierde, Carleton University

Yufei Chen, University of Toronto

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Hannan Ghorl, Western University

Kale Wood, University of Saskatchewan

Brianna Mueller, University of Alberta

Luhong (Amy) Lu and Annika Naylor, University of British Columbia

Andrea Kyfiuk and Ethan Whitelaw, University of Victoria

The **four M.Sc. students** awarded KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2020/21 are:

Stephanie Bringeland, Queen's University - Limion Scholarship*

Fadhil Atarita, Queen's University - CGG Scholarship*

Fouad Faraj ®, Queen's University

Elisa Dong ®, Western University

The **three Ph.D. candidates** who received scholarship support include the third award of the premier Collett Graduate Scholarship, the thirteenth award of the GSC Pioneers Scholarship and the inaugural award of the new SKGS Scholarship, were selected after careful consideration of applications from impressively talented candidates. The outstanding awardees are:

Jeremy Gosselin ®, University of Ottawa - Collett Graduate Scholarship*

Hema Sharma, Western University - GSC Pioneers Scholarship*

Todd LeBlanc ®, University of Saskatchewan - SKGS Scholarship*

Runners-up were recognized for the Collett Scholarship (Hao Mai, University of Ottawa) and for the GSC Pioneers Scholarship (Callum Walter, Queen's University) based on their academic achievements and research projects. Additional details of the graduate awards will be provided in a separate announcement, and summaries of the research projects being undertaken will be posted on the Foundation's website.

The amount of each scholarship award ranges from \$500 to \$3,000, determined by the recipient's merit and need, available resources, and the Foundation's principal objective of supporting undergraduate education. The recipients of specific named scholarships are noted above, and renewals of prior awards indicated by ®.



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In addition, thanks to continuing generous support by KEGS, all of the above awardees will also receive free membership in KEGS and will be eligible for fully subsidized participation at the annual KEGS Symposium, as well as partial subsidies to attend a KEGS Breakfast during the upcoming academic year, once normal meetings resume. All recipients are also strongly encouraged to participate in meetings of KEGS, BCGS or other local professional societies, and in other relevant geophysical meetings or symposia, when they resume. Depending on need, circumstances and the Foundation's resources, additional assistance with travel expenses up to \$300 may be available to facilitate participation of recipients and other applicants at relevant meetings, including KEGS or BCGS events. Additionally, to assist awardees seeking to pursue further studies, research or employment, their C.V.s will be posted on the Foundation's website.

Presentation of the scholarship awards will be arranged during the fall semester, usually at meetings or in conjunction with KEGS Special Lectures on relevant geophysical topics. However, normal formats are obviously complicated this year due to COVID-19 pandemic, so presentations will likely be converted to virtual events, as will be announced in the course of the fall semester.

The Directors extend their best wishes to all the above recipients for further success in their studies and future careers. We also offer our gratitude for the continuing support of the Foundation and its scholarship program by the Canadian exploration and geophysical community, including renewed major support by KEGS and the BCGS, a recent very generous donation by Lamontagne Geophysics, and to Phoenix Geophysics for its continuing support of the matching donation program (see website for further details).

We look forward to meeting the latest KEGS Foundation awardees at various upcoming meetings, symposia and KEGS Special Lectures, once current restrictions end.

Avec nos meilleurs souhaits à tous les lauréats**.

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*NB: **KEGS** is the well-known acronym for the Canadian Exploration Geophysical Society, the leading mining geophysics organization established in 1953 and based in Toronto. The **KEGS Foundation** was established as a federally chartered charitable organization in 1999 with the objective of fostering geophysical education and has provided approximately 300 scholarships to Canadian students since inception. **BCGS** is the abbreviation for the BC Geophysical Society, a long-established professional organization based in Vancouver and focused on utilization of geophysics for mineral exploration, which has generously supported the BCGS Scholarship Fund. **SKGS** is the abbreviation for the Saskatchewan Geophysical Society. Details of the named scholarships and the underlying endowments and donors can be found on the Foundation's website.

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