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## KEGS Foundation Announcement

### New SKGS Scholarship Established to Advance Geophysics in Saskatchewan

The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce the establishment of the SKGS Scholarship and related endowment fund to advance geophysical capabilities and applications primarily related to resource exploration and development in Saskatchewan. The SKGS, the abbreviation for the Saskatchewan Geophysical Society based in Saskatoon, promotes the application of geophysics in the province through technical presentations, social events and young professional engagement, building on a long history of geophysical developments and surveys for discovery and engineering for both minerals and energy in the province.

The SKGS Scholarship will be administered by the KEGS Foundation\*, and primarily awarded to a student focused on geophysical studies in Saskatchewan, possibly extending to Manitoba, Alberta and the NWT under special circumstances. The inaugural scholarship recipient is Todd LeBlanc, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Saskatchewan, whose R&D project is focused on geohazard detection and classification in and around potash mines, utilizing in-mine time-domain EM, borehole geophysics, surface seismic and ground penetrating radar data. Todd completed his B.Sc. and M.Sc. at the University of Saskatchewan, and has worked in exploration for several companies. He has also been quite active within SKGS and the wider geoscience community.

The Foundation extends particular thanks to long-serving Director Dr. Dennis Woods, CEO of Discovery International Geophysics, who has spearheaded the establishment of the SKGS Scholarship and funding for its endowment. We gratefully acknowledge \$5,000 commitments from the two founding donors:

Discovery International Geophysics of Saskatoon SK and Surrey BC ([www.discogeo.com](http://www.discogeo.com))

Dias Geophysical of Saskatoon SK and Vancouver BC ([www.diasgeo.com](http://www.diasgeo.com))

We encourage mining companies, service companies and geoscience professionals with an interest in advancing geophysical capabilities, particularly related to applications in Saskatchewan, to consider a donation, which is eligible for the standard charitable income tax deduction. Note that individual donors will have their donation doubled (up to a maximum of \$250), thanks to continuing very generous support by Phoenix Geophysics. For further information, please contact Dr. Woods at [dennis.woods@discogeo.com](mailto:dennis.woods@discogeo.com) or (604) 762-6782 or other Directors. Those who make significant donor commitments before the end of 2020 will be named as founding donors of the scholarship.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

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\*The KEGS Foundation, now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year of supporting geophysical education in Canada, is a federally chartered charitable organization established by senior KEGS members in 1999. It has supported seven students at the University of Saskatchewan in that period, and recently announced a record 27 scholarship awards at 12 Canadian universities for the upcoming academic year, including the inaugural award of the SKGS Scholarship. See the website for details on its scholarship program, including the new SKGS Scholarship, other educational efforts, and ways to donate ([www.kegsfoundation.org](http://www.kegsfoundation.org)).

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