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KEGS Foundation Announcement

2012 Scholarship Awards

The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce the awarding of a record 24 scholarships totalling nearly \$16,000 to fourteen undergraduate and ten graduate students in geophysics at thirteen Canadian universities for the forthcoming academic year (2012/2013).

These awards mark the thirteenth year of the KEGS Foundation's scholarship program directed at fostering the education of future geophysicists in Canada. The increased number and level of scholarships awarded in 2012 is in response to a record number of applicants, aided by the continued strong financial support of the Foundation by the geophysical and exploration community across Canada, in turn fostered by the continuing high level of activity in the resource sector.

The fourteen undergraduate recipients of KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2012/13 are:

Emily Tess Baker and Hakim Shukri, University of British Columbia

Jeremy Gosselin, University of Victoria

Hoai Nam Vien®, University of Saskatchewan

Tim Hayward, University of Manitoba

Frank Joris, University of Western Ontario

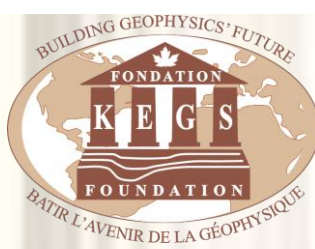
Kun Guo, University of Toronto

Jessica Steeves® and William Smith, Queen's University

Dong Shi and Phil Van-Lane, University of Waterloo

Jade Ghaoui, Université Laval

Colin Brisco and Chad Gidge, Memorial University



The ten graduate recipients of KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2012/13 are:

Andrew Ringeri, University of New Brunswick

Michal Kolaj®, Laurentian University

Ble Jean Fidele Yrro, École Polytechnique

Gabriel Fabien-Ouellet, Université Laval

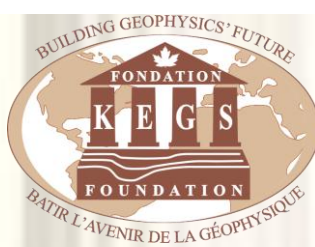
Laura Quigley, University of Toronto

Samira Alipour, Marie Burford, Attieh Eshaghi, Innocent Ezenwa® and Hadi Ghofrani, University of Western Ontario

The amount of each scholarship awarded ranges from \$500 to \$1000, depending on the recipients' merit and need and the available Foundation funds, with renewals of prior awards denoted by ®.

In particular, the following awards of named scholarships are noted with pleasure:

- The Limion Scholarship, established in 2001 to honour noted consulting geophysicist Heikki Limion by generous donations by family and colleagues, has been awarded to William Smith, fourth year student at Queen's University, based on his academic excellence and career focus on mining exploration geophysics;
- The KEGS Pioneers Scholarship, established in 2004 to honour various notable Canadian mining geophysicists*, has been awarded to Tim Hayward, a fourth year student at the University of Manitoba, in recognition of his academic excellence and career focus on mining geophysics;
- The BCGS Scholarship, established in 2005 and generously funded by the BC Geophysical Society, has been awarded to Jeremy Gosselin who will be completing his BSc(Hons) degree at the University of Victoria, on the basis of his academic achievement and focus on mining geophysics;
- The Fugro Scholarship, launched in 2007 by a generous gift by Fugro Airborne Surveys (Canada)**, has been awarded for a second year to Michal Kolaj, PhD candidate at Laurentian University, in recognition of his outstanding academic record and his focus on developing improved AEM techniques;



- The GSC Pioneers Scholarship, established in conjunction with Exploration 07 to honour GSC geophysical pioneers***, has been awarded to Gabriel Fabien-Ouellet, who is pursuing an MSc degree at Université Laval, based on his innovative efforts to develop improved applications of GPR and EM for mine-related investigations;
- The WAMIC Geophysics Scholarship, originally established by the now-disbanded Women's Association of Mining in Canada Foundation, has been awarded to Emily Tess Baker, a fourth year student at UBC, in recognition of her academic achievement, indicated career interest in mineral exploration, and involvement in geoscience and community organizations.

Three additional students (Soushyant Kiarasi, UWO; Euloge Tchikaya, École Polytechnique; and Ramin Saleh, University of Toronto) have been given relevant book awards to enhance their appreciation of the diverse applications of exploration geophysics.

As an important collateral aspect of the above awards, the KEGS Foundation expects to once again offer recipients significant additional support in the form of travel bursaries totalling an estimated \$4000 to enable them to attend one of several KEGS-sponsored geophysical breakfasts and/or the annual KEGS Geophysical Symposium in early March, held in conjunction with the annual PDAC mega-convention in Toronto, in order to increase their awareness of current geophysical practices and new developments, and to develop important contacts in the global exploration community.

In addition to the above KEGS Foundation scholarship and book awards, the following related scholarship awards to Canadian and other students are noted with pleasure:

- Phil Van-Lane (Waterloo) and Ankar Sheng (University of Manitoba and previous KEGS Foundation scholarship recipient) shared in the award of the KEGS/Phillip Hall of Memorial Scholarship administered by the SEG Foundation;
- Frank Joris (UWO), in addition to the KEGS Foundation scholarship noted above, also received the KEGS Ontario Scholarship awarded by the SEG Foundation;
- Michal Kolaj, graduate student at Laurentian and 2012 recipient of the Fugro Scholarship, also received the ARCO Scholarship awarded by the SEG;
- Kevin Hon, fourth year geology student at the University of Alberta, whose work experience and career are focused on mining exploration, was selected by the CMIEF as the second recipient of the John Steers Bursary, jointly administered by the KEGS Foundation.
- Judith Robinson, PhD candidate at Rutgers University pursuing environmental aspects of spectral IP, was awarded the Zonge Scholarship by the SEG Foundation.



The Directors offer their congratulations to all the above scholarship recipients as well as extend heartfelt thanks to all supporters whose generous contributions have enabled the Foundation to maintain its important scholarship program****. This program has now cumulatively provided support to more than 150 students in geophysics, many of whom are now actively employed in exploration in Canada. Renewed giving by concerned individuals and companies is once again encouraged to sustain this important program for succeeding years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Jerry Roth, Chair
Stephen Reford, Vice-Chair

* The KEGS Pioneers Scholarship is supported by donations generously made in honour of pioneering Canadian exploration geophysicists Tony Barringer, John Boniwell, Wally Boyko, Duncan Crone, John Dowsett, Bob Fraser, Tom Gledhill, Phil Hallof, Norm Paterson, Mike Reford, George Sander, Harry Seigel, Ray Whitton and, most recently, Ed Gaucher.

** The Fugro Scholarship was generously established in 2008 by Fugro Airborne Surveys (Canada) to encourage and support geophysics students focused on advancing the development and application of airborne geophysical techniques, and to honour the many pioneers in Fugro and predecessor companies whose efforts and creativity have led to the current impressive capabilities of airborne geophysics.

*** The GSC Pioneers Scholarship launched at Exploration 07 honours pioneering geophysicists at the Geological Survey of Canada, notably Len Collett, Arthur Darnley, Peter Hood, Larry Morley, George Palacky and Quentin Bristow.

**** Particular thanks are extended for recent major contributions from BCGS, KEGS, Fugro Airborne Surveys (Canada), Geotech, Teck, DeBeers Canada, Scintrex, Lamontagne Geophysics, WAMIC/CMHF, Anglo American and Laurie Reed, and by Steers family members for the JE Steers Bursary.

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