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## **KEGS Foundation Announcement\***

## 19 Geophysics Scholarships Awarded for 2018/19

The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce the awarding of nineteen scholarships totalling nearly \$17,000 to twelve undergraduate and seven MSc graduate students in geophysics at eight Canadian universities for the forthcoming academic year (2018/19).

These awards mark the nineteenth 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 conditions, which has led many students to pursue MSc degrees on completing their undergraduate studies. We are appreciative of the continued strong financial support of the Foundation by the geophysical and exploration community across Canada, buoyed by a recent modest strengthening of overall activity in the mineral resource industry, which has enabled a positive response by the Foundation to these changing circumstances.

In addition to funding the scholarship program, intensified fundraising efforts are continuing, so as to enable provision of supplementary travel bursaries to help awardees attend relevant geophysical symposia organized by KEGS and the BCGS.

The twelve undergraduate recipients of KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2018/19 are:

Samuel Corriveau (Limion Scholarship) and Arnaud Fortier-Morissette, École Polytechnique

Jia Yoong Chong, Bahareh Doroudiani, Alzbeta Onderco and Nathan Stoikopoulos, University of Toronto (Earth Sciences Dept.)

Hilary Chang (WAMIC Scholarship), Memorial University

Michelle Babak, Queen's University

Calder Patterson, Carleton University

Meghan Sharp (BCGS Scholarship) {R} and Samantha Sam, University of British Columbia

Ian Grundy (BCGS Scholarship), University of Victoria.

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The seven MSc graduate recipients awarded KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2018/19 are:

Carolyn Chen {R} and Skyler Mallozzi {R}, Carleton University

Christopher Galley (KEGS Pioneers Scholarship) and Andrew Blagdon, Memorial University

Oday Dabboor {R} and Malcolm MacDougall, Queen's University

William Wadsworth, University of Alberta.

The amount of each scholarship awarded ranges from \$500 to \$1,500, determined by the recipient's merit and need, available funds, and the Foundation's principal objective of supporting undergraduate education. The recipients of specific endowed scholarships are noted above, and renewals of prior awards indicated by {R}. Summaries of the research projects being undertaken by the graduate awardees will be posted on the Foundation's website.

In addition, thanks to continuing generous support by KEGS, all of the above awardees will also receive a free KEGS membership entitling them to fully subsidized participation at the annual KEGS Symposium and reduced cost to attend a KEGS Breakfast during the upcoming academic year. All recipients will also be strongly encouraged to participate in KEGS and/or BCGS meetings or other local professional societies, and in other relevant geophysical meetings or symposia. Depending on need and the Foundation's resources, additional assistance with travel expenses up to \$300 may be provided to facilitate recipients' participation at relevant KEGS or BCGS events

The Foundation anticipates a further announcement by the end of July of additional scholarship awards at the PhD level, including the inaugural award of the Collett Graduate Scholarship, after careful consideration of applications from a number of impressively talented PhD candidates.

It is anticipated that the majority of the scholarship awards will be presented this fall in conjunction with Special Lectures on relevant geophysical topics to be arranged by the Foundation at the various universities.

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 major support by KEGS and the BCGS, a very generous renewed 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.

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NB: **KEGS** is the well known acronym for the Canadian Exploration Geophysics 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, and has provided more than 250 scholarships to Canadian students since inception. **BCGS** is the abbreviation for the B.C. 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.

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