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## **KEGS Foundation Announcement**

### **20 Geophysics Scholarships Awarded for 2019/20**

The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce the awarding of twenty scholarships totalling more than \$20,000 to eleven undergraduate, five MSc and four PhD graduate students in geophysics at twelve Canadian universities for the forthcoming academic year (2019/20).

These awards mark the twentieth 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, with many students pursuing MSc degrees on completing their undergraduate studies to attain reasonably complete professional competence. We are appreciative of the continued financial support of the Foundation by the geophysical and exploration community across Canada, buoyed by modest strengthening of overall activity in the mineral resource industry, which has enabled the Foundation to respond positively to the applicants' requests.

In addition to funding the scholarship program, the Foundation expects to also be able to provide supplementary travel bursaries to help awardees attend relevant geophysical symposia organized by KEGS and the BCGS, the success of intensified fundraising efforts.

The **eleven undergraduate recipients** of KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2019/20 are:

Marie Flanagan (WAMIC Scholarship), Memorial University

Rachel Bourassa (Limion Scholarship) and John Fitzgerald (CGG Scholarship), Queen's University

Bahareh Doroudiani (KEGS Pioneers Scholarship) {R} and Sofia Panasiuk, University of Toronto

Christian Beros, University of Toronto, Mississauga

Magdalena Kapron, Western University

Matthew (Hou En) Lin, University of Manitoba

Elena Savidge (BCGS Scholarship) and Taylor Josephy (BCGS Scholarship), University of Victoria

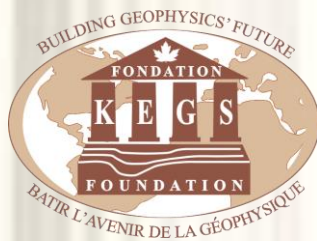
Angelene (Pei Yii) Leow, University of British Columbia

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The **five MSc students** awarded KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2019/20 are:

Anne Isabelle, Polytechnique Montréal

Andrew Branson, Fouad Faraj and Sara Pieczonka {R}, Queen's University

Anna Diederichs, University of Victoria

The four PhD candidates who received scholarship support, including the second award of the premier Collett Graduate Scholarship and the GSC Pioneers Scholarship, both selected after careful consideration of applications from impressively talented candidates\*, are:

Joshua Littleton, Western University (Collett Scholarship)

Clement Esteve, University of Ottawa (GSC Pioneers Scholarship)

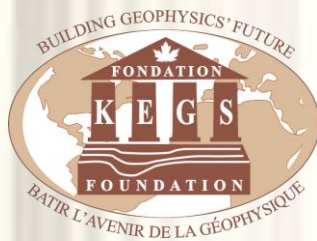
Maryam Safarshahi, University of Saskatchewan

Antonina Calahorrano, Simon Fraser University

Additional details will be provided in a second announcement.

The amount of each scholarship awarded ranges from \$500 to \$3,000, 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 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 \$400 may be provided to facilitate recipients' participation at relevant KEGS or BCGS events.



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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, 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.

Avec nos meilleurs souhaits à tous les lauréats\*\*.

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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 270 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.

\*Filip Adamus, PhD candidate attending Memorial, is given special recognition for his advanced research as a Collett Scholarship finalist.

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