

KEGS Foundation Announcement

Undergraduate Scholarship Awards for 2021/22

August 9, 2021, Toronto, Canada: The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce the awarding of 27 scholarships totalling a record \$38,000 to twelve undergraduate, seven M.Sc. and eight Ph.D. graduate students in geophysics at fifteen Canadian universities for the forthcoming academic year (2021/22). The undergraduate awards, amounting to \$18,600 (plus travel bursaries), are highlighted here. The graduate awards will be announced separately.

These awards mark the twenty-second year of the KEGS Foundation's scholarship program directed at fostering the education of future geophysicists in Canada. The sizeable number of recipients and the record level of scholarship awards reflect the quantum of well-qualified applicants and their evident financial need, coupled with the significant complications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting many students' studies, research, internships and jobs. The Foundation has endeavoured to respond positively to the applicants' circumstances in order to sustain their focus on geophysics, redeploying a portion of income from the Collett Legacy gift that was not required for other programs in 2020/21.

Remarkably, for a year afflicted by the now-receding pandemic, thanks to notable donations, continued support by sustaining donors and collective initiatives, the Foundation succeeded in establishing three new scholarships in the past year:

- SKGS Scholarship, primarily directed to supporting students in or from Saskatchewan
- Bourse des pionniers de la géophysique québécoise, principally supporting students in or from Québec
- Michael and Patricia Carson Geophysics Scholarship for Indigenous Students (recently announced), for Indigenous students studying geophysics or geophysical technology.

See the website for specific announcements on the establishment of each of these scholarships. We thank the individual donors and companies who stepped forward with large donations to initiate the endowments.

It is with profound regret and sadness that we learned of Michael Carson's passing last week, so soon after he and Patricia established the above-mentioned scholarship. We extend our condolences to Mike's family and friends.

The twelve undergraduate recipients of KEGS Foundation scholarships for 2021\22 include the following four awardees who received named scholarships supported by specific endowments* in recognition of their particular achievements and career focus:

Ray Guerard – University of Manitoba: Michael and Patricia Carson Geophysics Scholarship for Indigenous Students

Kaitlyn de Morée van Lierde[®] – Carleton University: WAMIC Scholarship

Victoria Pereversoff[®] – University of Victoria: BCGS Scholarship

Benjamin Clarke[®] – Memorial University: Limion Scholarship

The other eight undergraduate recipients of KEGS Foundation Scholarships are:

Alexi Morin[®], Jérémie Darveau, Jérôme Grenier, Pierre-Olivier Leroux – Université Laval

Jérémy Gendreau[®] – Polytechnique Montréal

Ryan Wang and Daniel Kahn – University of Toronto

Dean Bucciarelli – Queen's University

The scholarship awards range from \$1,250 to \$2,000, determined by the recipient's merit and need, available financial resources, under the Foundation's principal objective of supporting undergraduate education. The renewals of prior awards are indicated by[®].

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 in March. All recipients are also be strongly encouraged to participate in meetings of KEGS, BCGS or other local professional societies, and in other relevant geophysical meetings or symposia. Depending on need, circumstances and the Foundation's resources, additional assistance with travel expenses up to \$400 are tentatively allocated to facilitate participation of recipients and other applicants at relevant meetings, including KEGS or BCGS events, during the coming academic year. Networking opportunities will be offered where possible. Additionally, to assist awardees seeking to pursue further studies, research or employment, their CVs will be posted on the Foundation's website.

Presentation of the scholarship awards will be arranged during the fall semester, preferably at professional meetings or in conjunction with KEGS Special Lectures on relevant geophysical topics hosted by university departments, or at equivalent virtual events, depending on the extent to which complications and restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic are relaxed.

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**.

Stephen Reford, Chair
Tel: (416) 368-2888

Jerry Roth, Director
(416) 449-2226

*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. **WAMIC** is the abbreviation for the Women's Association of Mining in Canada, a long-standing organization supporting mining and mining-related education in Canada. Details of the named scholarships and the underlying endowments and donors can be found on the Foundation's website.

**Version française disponible sur le site Web.