



Press Release

The Maple Leaf Trust Announces Fourteen Scholars Awarded 2009/10 Canadian Centennial Scholarships

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The Maple Leaf Trust, the premier charity of the Canadian community in the United Kingdom, is pleased to announce that fourteen outstanding Canadians have been awarded scholarships towards their study in the United Kingdom through the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund.

Funded by the Maple Leaf Trust, the Canadian Centennial Scholarships are among the most prestigious and most sought-after scholarships for Canadians studying in the UK. Candidates go through a rigorous selection process consisting of both written submission and personal interview. Since its formation in 1967, more than 230 scholars have received awards.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, as well as on the ability of the recipient to represent Canada as an ambassador in the academic and artistic community within the UK.

Michelle Cassidy, Chairman of the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund, stated: "As always, I am so impressed by these fabulous students. The dedication and enthusiasm they show for their subjects is inspiring to all of us. We are so pleased to be helping these young Canadians who have so much to offer in the future." She also noted that the CCSF is particularly pleased that even with the very difficult economic environment, the total amount awarded this year of £27,000 is on a par with previous years, largely thanks to the generous donations made by Canadians in the UK to the Maple Leaf Trust.

Margaret Wickware, Chairman of the Maple Leaf Trust noted "Canadian-related organisations in the UK, notably the Canadian Women's Club, Network Canada and the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce, have designated the Maple Leaf Trust as the principal beneficiary of their fundraising efforts. It is with their strong support together with generous donations from various UK-based Canadian organisations that we have been able to continue to assist these young Canadian scholars."

The award winners, home provinces, degrees being sought and study areas for 2009-2010 are:

Eleanor von Aderkas	British Columbia	Diploma Easel Painting Conservation
Richa Dwor*	British Columbia	PhD English Literature (19th Century Jewish Women's Writing)
Luke Franklin	Nova Scotia	PhD English Literature (Criticism and Culture)
Sarah Gates*	British Columbia	M.B.B.Chir, Clinical Medicine
Erin Goeres	Manitoba	DPhil Medieval Literature
Kayla Kingdom-Bebb	British Columbia	PhD Land Economy (Aboriginal Land Rights and

		Governance)
Sarah Lamble	Ontario	PhD Socio-legal Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Catherine McGowan	Alberta	PhD Public Health and Policy
Ashley Millar*	Ontario	PhD International History
Katherine Musgrave	Quebec	DPhil English Language and Literature
Sacha Nandlall	Quebec	DPhil Engineering Science (Biomedical)
Laura Richard	New Brunswick	DPhil Inorganic Chemistry
Michelle Sahai*	Ontario	DPhil Biochemistry
Erin Walker	Alberta	PhD Health Psychology

Ashley Millar was named as the winner of the Mary LeMessurier Award for History



Eleanor von Aderkas was awarded the Belle Shenkman Award for the Arts



*Richa Dwor, Sarah Gates and Michelle Sahai were also recipients in 2008-2009. Ashley Millar was also a previous recipient in 2007-2008.

More information about the CCSF can be found at www.canadianscholarshipfund.co.uk

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About the Maple Leaf Trust

The Maple Leaf Trust is the premier charity of the Canadian community in the UK. It is a UK registered charity, No. 294037, and is incorporated as the charitable arm of the Canadian Women's Club. Proceeds of fundraising both in the UK and in Canada benefit two charitable causes with Canada - UK links: the Veterans' Support Committee and the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund.

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Patron: H.E. James R. Wright, High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Trustees: Margaret Wickware (Chairman), Nigel Bacon, Teresa Howe, Christopher Kohut, Christopher MacNeil, Anette Rayner, Fawn Wilson White. Ex-officio Members: Jenny Tripp Black (Chairman, Veterans' Support Committee), Michelle Cassidy, (Chairman, Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund), René Marie Vanasse, Treasurer. 2009 Campaign Committee: Costa Pilavachi, Chairman, Louella Eastman, Raymond Ingram.

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About the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund

Founded in 1967, the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund (CCSF) is a registered UK charity, No. 313966. The CCSF receives monies raised largely by the Maple Leaf Trust, a registered UK charity administered by the Canadian Women's Club of London, England. The CCSF is run by trustees who contribute their time without compensation which enables it to maximise the funds delivered to students. The CSSF UK Trust welcomes charitable donations, legacies and bequests.

To qualify for a Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund award, an applicant must:

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be currently enrolled full-time in a postgraduate programme and at the time of applying be attending a UK university or similar institution, and have completed at least one term of study
- Intend to return to Canada after completion of studies in the UK
- Have very high academic standards
- Require funds to complete their studies or a specific component of their study.

CCSF Committee members include: Michelle Cassidy (Chair), Belinda Beaton, Deborah Bowsher, David Glennie, Margaret Highton, Julia Montgomery, Jill Pollock, Barbara Richards and Jaime Snell-Mendoza. New committee members for 2009 are Arlene Gorodensky-Greenhouse and Robin Mansell.

Please visit the CCSF website for further information: www.canadianscholarshipfund.co.uk

About the Canadian Women's Club

The Canadian Women's Club (CWC) has over 200 members and runs activities and events in London and the Home Counties from an office in the Canadian High Commission, based in London, UK. The CWC was founded in 1932. CWC members, both permanent and temporary residents in the UK, enjoy the opportunity to build friendships, exchange ideas, broaden horizons and participate in a wide variety of activities and charitable work. The CWC administers the Maple Leaf Trust. Proceeds of fundraising (both in the UK and in Canada) benefit two charitable causes: the Veterans' Support Committee and the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund.

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