

## **Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation Announces McRorie Scholarship Recipients**

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The 2004 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to students at universities across Canada. The scholarships are presented annually by the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) and are awarded to post graduate students studying agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. Receiving scholarships this year are:

·Brett Cortus from North Battleford SK enrolled at the University of Alberta in the M.Sc. in Agricultural and Resource Economics Program. Brett is researching the economics of wetland drainage in Saskatchewan including models estimating prices and yields of a cash crop operation.

·Shannon Hall, from Saskatoon, SK enrolled in the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics program at the University of Saskatchewan. Shannon's research examines incentives created by carbon pools with an end to determining whether the carbon pools can be used as a mechanism by which farmers can participate in carbon sequestration.

·Zahoor Haq, from Guelph, ON enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the University of Guelph in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business. Zahoor is pursuing his Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics and business and is researching the implications of trade liberalization on poverty.

·Joseph Janzen, from St. Francis Xavier, MB enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the University of Manitoba's Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics. Joseph's research will focus on the use of safety nets in Canadian agricultural policy and how government sponsored crop insurance programs are linked to safety nets, particularly in Western Canada.

·Trina Johnson, from Fairview, AB enrolled at the University of Alberta's M.Sc. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics. Trina's research topic is a simulation modeling of the economics of greenhouse gas mitigation on beef farms.

·Jillian McDonald, from Indian Head, SK enrolled in the M.Sc. of Agricultural Economics program at the University of Saskatchewan. Jillian is researching the export competitiveness of Western Canadian firms through innovation and productivity.

·Francesca Sirsly, from Dorval, Quebec enrolled in the M.Sc. program at McGill University. Francesca's research will test the proposed working rules of the carbon offset market under the Climate Change Plan for Canada.

"AICF is pleased to assist these students in their academic endeavors," said Brenda Machin, PAg, chair of the AICF Education Committee that administers the program. "These graduate students are conducting research on key issues in the agricultural industry. Based on their background and enthusiasm, I'm sure that they will continue their contribution to leadership and innovation in the agricultural sector."

The scholarships were created in 1990 in honour of AICF past-president and agri-finance leader, Doug McRorie, PAg FAIC. Doug served as the vice-president of agriculture for the Royal Bank and was a well-respected agricultural leader in Canada. Through 2005, the AICF will offer six annual scholarships of \$1500 each to post-graduate students majoring in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. The scholarship is made available through the support of the RBC Foundation and supporting individuals and organizations.

Recipients were selected based on their academic achievement, areas of study, leadership and career interests.

The 2005 application package will soon be available on the AICF web page at [www.aic.ca/about/foundation\\_initiatives.cfm](http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm) The application deadline will be in the fall of 2005.

Incorporated in 1988 to enhance the image of agriculture in the eyes of the public, the Foundation invests its resources to support an understanding of the agricultural industry through the enhancement of professional and scientific leadership. For more information contact:

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