



## Press Release

### The Maple Leaf Trust announces 2010/2011 scholarships awarded by the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund

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Sixteen outstanding Canadians have been awarded scholarships towards their postgraduate study in the United Kingdom through the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund (CCSF).

Funded by the Maple Leaf Trust, the CCSF awards recognise academic excellence, as well as the ability of the recipient to represent Canada as an ambassador in the academic and artistic community within the UK. Applicants are also assessed on financial need, references from their supervisors and the contribution they are likely to make to their field of study. Since its formation in 1967, the CCSF has assisted more than 240 scholars who are registered in multi-year postgraduate programmes at UK universities and colleges. Candidates go through a rigorous selection process consisting of both written submissions and personal interviews.

Michelle Cassidy, Chair of the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund, stated: "2010 saw a record number (120) of students applying for funding. With so many very impressive applications, the CCSF selection committee made a conscious decision to invite more scholars for interviews and to award larger scholarships. We are pleased to announce that the total amount awarded this year is £37,000 - a £10,000 increase on last year."

Michelle added "CCSF students regularly tell me that the funding we provide makes a real difference to their ability to focus on their work. They feel proud and honoured to know that funding is raised for them through the generosity of Canadians in the UK. We are inspired by their dedication and excellence, and wish them all the very best for the future."

Margaret Wickware, Chair of the Maple Leaf Trust noted "I am delighted that with the strong support of Canadians living in the UK we have been able to continue to assist these outstanding Canadian scholars. As awareness and support for the work of the Maple Leaf Trust continues to grow, individuals and the UK offices of major Canadian businesses have been incredibly responsive to this year's direct appeal. The fundraising events of Canadian-related organisations in the UK and their support for the Maple Leaf Trust brings us together to invest in our future."

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 administered by 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.

CCSF Committee members include: Michelle Cassidy (Chair), Deborah Bowsher, Ariana Bradford, David Glennie, Arlene Gorodensky-Greenhouse, Margaret Highton, Robin Mansell, Julia Montgomery, Jill Pollock and Barbara Richards.



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The award winners are:



**Eleanor von Aderkas**

Province: British Columbia

Current study area: Diploma, Easel Painting Conservation, Hamilton Kerr Institute at the University of Cambridge

Previous degree: BSc in Chemistry, McGill University



**Rochelle Burgess**

Province: Ontario

Current study area: PhD Social Psychology, LSE

Previous degrees: MSc Health, Community and Development, LSE; Hon. BSc Psychology, McMaster University



**Sarah Caldwell**

Province: British Columbia

Current study area: DPhil Public Health Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Previous degrees: MA Political Science, comparative social policy, University of Toronto; BA History and Sociology, University of Victoria.



**Jeffery Chase**

Province: British Columbia

Current study area: PhD Geography, Urban Planning, Newcastle University

Previous degrees: BA International Relations, University of Victoria; MA Urban Planning, University of British Columbia



**Charis Cheung**

Charis was awarded the Belle Shenkman Award for the Arts

Province: British Columbia

Current study area: MMUS Advanced Piano Performance, Royal College of Music

Previous degree: BMUS, Piano Performance, University of British Columbia



**Nora Danielson**

Province: British Columbia

Current study area: DPhil Social & Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford

Previous degrees: BA Politics & Philosophy, Evergreen State College, MPhil Migration Studies, University of Oxford



**Kyle Hiebert**

Province: Alberta

Current study area: PhD Religions and Theology, University of Manchester

Previous degrees: B.Theology, Canadian Mennonite University; HBA Philosophy, University of Toronto; MA Theology, University of Nottingham



**David Hitchcock**

David was named as the winner of the Mary LeMessurier Award for History.

Province: Ontario

Current study area: PhD History, University of Warwick

Previous degrees: BA and MA in History, both at the University of Ottawa



**David Matyas**

Province: Ontario

Current study area: MPhil Development Studies (Int'l Dev), University of Oxford

Previous degree: BSc, Political Science, McMaster University



**Fiona McDonald**

Province: Alberta

Current study area: PhD Anthropology, University College London

Previous degrees: Grad. Diploma Maori Studies, Univ of Auckland; Bachelor and Master of Arts in History of Art, Univ of Alberta; Graduate Teaching Certificate, Univ of Alberta

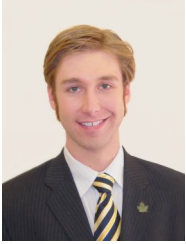


**Karin von Ompteda**

Province: Ontario

Current study area: PhD Communication Art & Design, Royal College of Art

Previous degrees: Bachelor of Design at the Ontario College of Art & Design; Master of Science at the University of Toronto; Bachelor of Science, McGill University



**Michael Urban**

Province: Manitoba

Current study area: DPhil International Relations, University of Oxford

Previous degrees: BA (Politics and History) Queen's University; MA Int'l Affairs, Carleton University; MPhil International Relations, University of Oxford



**Esther Valliant**

Province: Ontario

Current study area: PhD Biomaterials, Imperial College, London

Previous degree: BA Applied Sciences (Chemical Engineering), Queen's University



**Grant Wickham**

Province: Alberta

Current study area: PhD Medicine – Cancer Research, University of Glasgow

Previous degrees: BSc and MSc, both in Pharmacology at the University of Alberta



**Eric Woods**

Province: Saskatchewan

Current study area: PhD Political Science, LSE

Previous degrees: BA International Studies; MA Political Studies, both at the University of Saskatoon



**York Zheung**

Province: Ontario

Current study area: PhD Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge

Previous degree: BA Applied Sciences, Geological Engineering, University of Waterloo

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