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The AIC Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships. Six deserving received the awards of \$1500 to support their post graduate studies in Agricultural Economics, Business Finance or Trade. The scholarships are supported by RBC Foundation. The recipients are:

- **Brooke Fridfinnson** of Arborg, MB enrolled in the MSc program in the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. Brooke is studying the effects of ethanol demand on world commodity markets and trade flows.
- **Wenzhao Huang**, from Edmonton, Alberta enrolled in the PhD program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. His thesis will study the strategic behavior of firms in the Canadian food industry under government food health policy interventions.
- **Lorraine MacKinnon**, of O'Leary Prince Edward Island enrolled in the Masters of Business Administration in Agribusiness Management program at the University of Guelph. Her interests lie in the area of consumer food trends.
- **Steven Koeckhoven**, of Stony Plain Alberta enrolled in the MSc program in the department of Agricultural Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Steven's area of study is creating models evaluating different management techniques and how they can promote the operation of family farms and larger scale primary production.
- **Tracy Stobbe** from Delta, British Columbia is enrolled in the PhD Economics Program at the University of Victoria. Her area of study focuses on issues at the urban fringe with specific reference to the Agricultural Land Reserve in British Columbia.
- **Curtis Boyd** from Fairview Alberta enrolled in the MSc Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. He will research empirical analysis of returns to research to the agricultural sector.

Established in 1990, the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship has provided support to students across Canada who have chosen a business emphasis for their studies. The late Douglas McRorie, PAg, a past vice-president of RBC Royal Bank and the AICF, is remembered for his commitment and leadership to the agricultural sector across Canada. In 2006 AICF was pleased to announce an additional 5 year commitment for the scholarship from the RBC Foundation.

### Background

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is a agricultural charitable organization that has dedicated resources to the betterment of Agriculture by

- promoting educational programs aimed at improving public understanding of agriculture and its importance to a safe, affordable food supply funding the assembly,
- analysis and distribution of factual information on agricultural issues supporting scholarships in agriculture disciplines facilitating specific donor-designated projects
- supporting activities by universities that improve students' knowledge and;
- understanding of the agricultural industry and its importance to the economy and the environment supporting research on matters affecting agriculture

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