



**Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation**

1027 Pembroke Street East, Suite 200

Pembroke, ON K8A 3M4

Tel: (613) 732-7068 Fax: (613) 732-3386

Email: [elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com](mailto:elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com) W: <http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation.cfm>

---

**RBC Foundation Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship  
Provides Financial Support for Students**

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**January 18, 2010 – Pembroke, ON**

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) is pleased to announce the 2009 recipients of the RBC Foundation Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship.

**Mr. Gregory Bott**, Department of Rural Economy at the University of Alberta, where he is completing his Master's degree in Agriculture & Resource Economics. Gregory's research analyzes economic factors that affect the creation and development of customer-driven value chains in the Australian beef sector, as perceived by industry stakeholders. His research investigates the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) grading system as a potential value-creating and value chain-coordinating mechanism. Gregory plans to be a professor in a top Canadian institution where he can use his education and work experience to further advance the Canadian agricultural industry.

**Ms. Anastasie Hacault** is a student at the University of Manitoba where she is completing a M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Economics. In her research, she is looking for options to increase market access for dairy products that are currently supply managed. Two potential types of trade reforms are lowering over-quota tariffs, and increasing import quota volumes. In the future, Anastasie hopes to be involved in the development of agricultural trade policies.

**Ms. Shashini Ratnasena** is completing a M.Sc. degree in Food, Agriculture & Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. Her research involves an analysis of the effect of milk compositional standard on the economic efficiency of Ontario dairy farmers. Her findings will be useful in suggesting appropriate strategies to improve economic efficiency on Ontario dairy farms. Shashini's career interest is to become a competent economist focusing on issues relating to agriculture, agricultural economics and agri-business.

**Ms. Janelle Wallace** attends the University of Manitoba where she is completing a M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics. Her research involves analyzing the supply chain of wheat and designated barley from producer to consumer. The focus of her research is to determine the added value, if any, of the Wheat Board in the supply chain by analyzing the Board's role in logistics. Janelle intends to start her own consulting business for Manitoba farmers, focusing on financial, marketing and farm plans needs to facilitate growers in maximizing farm profitability.

Established in 1990, the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship is supported by the RBC Foundation and administered by the AICF. The scholarship was established in recognition of the significant contribution made by Douglas McRorie, PAg in providing leadership to Canadian agricultural finance through his career with the Royal Bank of Canada, as well as his professional involvement with the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the AICF.

In 1967 Douglas McRorie established the RBC Royal Bank's specialized services for farmers and ranchers, which changed the future of agricultural banking in Canada. This scholarship fund, honouring the late RBC visionary, is helping a new generation of researchers who have chosen a business emphasis for their academic studies to chart a better future for Canada's agriculture sector.

The deadline for applications for the 2010 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship is November 5, 2010. Application forms and scholarship guidelines for this and other scholarships administered by the AICF are posted on the website [http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation\\_initiatives.cfm](http://www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm).

-30-

For information contact:  
Elizabeth Muckle Jeffs  
Manager, Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation  
T: 613-732-7068 E: [Elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com](mailto:Elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com)