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

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The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) is pleased to announce the 2010 recipients of the RBC Foundation Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship.

Ms. Stefanie Fryza is in the M.Sc. program in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. Her area of study is on pricing (marketing) alternatives and risk management. Ms. Fryza is investigating strategies chosen by Western Canadian wheat producers that used marketing programs offered by the Canadian Wheat Board. Her objectives are to gather better understanding of how producers make marketing decisions, examine types of behaviours that might affect their decision making process, and discuss ways to help producers improve their decision making process.

Mr. Matthew Hink attends the University of Manitoba where he is completing the degree requirement for a Master's of Science in Agricultural Economics. He is focusing on agricultural policy, including trade policy, as he investigates the determinants of trade bias in agriculture.

Mr. Stephen Morison is completing a M.Sc. degree in Land and Food Systems at the University of British Columbia. His research examines the problem of urban sprawl specifically in the area of Gatineau, Quebec, and the way we (through our local and democratic governments) decide how land is zoned. Mr. Morison's research has implications on how we value agricultural land economically (the price of land to farmers), but also socially (the future availability of land for food production and the security of local food systems).

Ms. Jamie Poirier is in the M. Sc. program in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. She is working with the Canadian Wheat Board to estimate if farmers are risk averse or risk loving in situations of financial loss. Her motivation is to identify how reference prices affect farmers' marketing decisions, how these reference prices are formed, and how they change over time.

Mr. Curtis Sawatzky attends the University of Manitoba where he is completing a M.Sc. degree in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics. His graduate research is focused on developing financial and economic frameworks for evaluating a bio refinery concept for cellulosic ethanol

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 2011 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship is November 4, 2011. 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.

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