

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship 2012 Recipients

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Ali Cagdas is a PhD student in Agricultural Economics at the University of Alberta. His research area includes the analysis of agricultural business risk management programs and their immediate effects on

farmers' input use decisions as well as on the transfer efficiency of such programs, i.e. the effectiveness of agricultural policy in raising the income of farmers. In relation to this, he is trying to establish a link between farmer input use decisions and land use practices in Canada.



Kevin Chang is completing his Master of Science in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. Mr. Chang's current research compares the entry

rates of supply and non-supply managed industries and evaluates the effectiveness of producer-supported new entry programs in the Ontario dairy industry with implications for credit institutions that choose to finance young farmers.



Eskandar ElMarzougui is working on his PhD in economics at Laval University with a concentration on international agri-food trade and agricultural policies. Mr.

ElMarzougui's research interests focus on agricultural economics, domestic and trade liberalization policies, and environmental and resources economics.

Shuang Li is a Master's student in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. She is conducting her thesis research on efficiency assessment of the federal-provincial business risk management programs and what role these programs have in helping Ontario field crop growers mitigate climate related risks.



Anya Lundy is an MSc student in Agricultural Economics at McGill University. Her research focuses on the development of the bison industry in the province of Quebec and whether there are enough profits to cover costs to sustain long term growth. Ms. Lundy is interested in assessing and learning more about new agri-businesses in Canada and maximizing their potential environmental, social and economic benefits.



Kelvin Tsang is studying for his MSc in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. His research seeks to develop new knowledge that will inform agri-businesses regarding the potential size of the market for local and regional organic foods in Ontario, produce a typology of Ontario consumers that hold growth potential in this market, and enhance capacity to create value chains that capture the growth potential.

