

## AICF DOUGLAS MCRORIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2013 RECIPIENTS

One PhD level and two Masters level students in agricultural business, economics, finance and trade programs are the 2013 recipients of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF) Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship.



This scholarship, which is made available through the support of the RBC Foundation, was established by the AICF in 1990 to honour past-president and agri-finance innovator Douglas McRorie, PAg, FAIC. Mr. McRorie served as Vice President of Agriculture for the Royal Bank of Canada and was a respected agricultural leader in Canada.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients:



**Valeria Carla Castellanos Hurtado**, a doctoral candidate in Integrated Studies in Land and Food Systems at the University of British Columbia, received the \$5,000 PhD level 2013 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Castellanos Hurtado's dissertation research is focused on the environmental impact in Canada of agricultural trade liberalization and price dynamics. Having shown the linkage between productive decisions (in terms of production scale, product composition and productive techniques) and pollution levels of Canadian agricultural soil, she will determine how trade liberalization and price dynamics have shaped such decisions. Additionally, Ms. Castellanos Hurtado currently participates on other research projects, including one on gender and nutrition in agricultural communities of Peru, and another on the structure and dynamics of the dairy industry in Canada. In the future, she hopes to continue doing applied research that can contribute to Canada's agriculture. Ideally, her work will help shape policies geared to improving the productivity and environmental performance of both crop and livestock agriculture.

**Ishrat Gadhok** is a student in the professional Masters of Food and Resource Economics program at the University of British Columbia and one of two recipients of the \$3,000 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship at the Masters level. Her studies focus on applied economics, policy analysis and agribusiness management in the food and resources sectors. Building on her technical foundation in the sciences and nutrition, the analytical tools provided by her graduate coursework have allowed her to assess and evaluate real-world issues in international development, wherein her interest lies. She hopes to work as an economist in development organizations or in the government, focusing on issues in health and food security. She will be interning with the Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada this summer.





**Jessica Kelly**, also a \$3,000 Masters level award recipient, is an MSc student at the University of Guelph completing a collaborative degree in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics and International Development. Ms. Kelly is conducting her research on the farmers' share of the food dollar in Canada, using new techniques recently developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Her research seeks to understand how the farmers' share has changed over time and what changes in the supply chain and consumer habits have driven this change. Ms. Kelly is interested in the area of public-private partnerships and hopes to be involved with international agricultural development initiatives in the future. She currently serves on the board for the Perth Community Futures organization as a youth member.

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