



Mission

The mission of the Canadian Foundation for Food and Agricultural Education (CFFAE) is to inspire knowledge and understanding of the importance of sustainable agriculture to society.

The CFFAE fulfills that mission by three means:

- Developing and supporting education programs in the agricultural and food sciences for Canada's agricultural community and the general public;
- Developing and supporting scholarship programs to foster continued interest in the study of agricultural and food sciences by university students;
- Supporting research on matters of importance to the agricultural community and the general public.

The Foundation was originally established in 1987 as the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation and received its charitable registration status in 1988. To more closely reflect its current mission and objectives, in 2017 it changed its name to the Canadian Foundation for Food and Agricultural Education / Fondation canadienne pour l'éducation alimentaire et agricole.

The CFFAE has established a formal working relationship with the Association of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, enabling discussions of new scholarship programs that support tomorrow's leaders in the agricultural industry.

The Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors is comprised of professionals from across Canada with diverse expertise and experience in the agriculture sector.

Programs

Over the years, the CFFAE has developed a strong series of programs, including initiatives in advancing agricultural knowledge, providing scholarships in agricultural disciplines, and facilitating events that communicate the importance of agriculture to Canadians. In the past few years, its main focus has been on providing scholarship programs to students of agriculture and food. It currently offers three major scholarships.

- The **Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship** was created in 1990 in honour of past-president and agri-finance leader, Douglas McRorie. Mr. McRorie served as the Vice-President of Agriculture for the Royal Bank and was a well-respected agricultural leader in Canada. Scholarships are awarded to graduate students majoring in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade at a Canadian university. This scholarship is made available through the generous support of the RBC Foundation.
- The **Karl C. Ivarson Scholarship for Students in Soil Science and Related Studies** was created in 2005 through a donation to the Foundation by Dr. Ivarson. It provides financial support to a student(s) entering the second or subsequent year of graduate studies in soil science in the areas of agriculture, environment, geology, agro-ecology or other related disciplines at a Canadian university.
- Dr. Ivarson passed away in 2010 and left an additional legacy to the Foundation which was used to create the **Karl C. Ivarson Agricultural Scholarship**. Dr. Ivarson requested that this scholarship be used to support students from Alberta in their pursuit of studies in agricultural sciences. One scholarship is awarded to a PhD candidate and one to a Masters candidate.

How Your Contribution Will Support a Strong Future for Canadian Agriculture

The CFFAE Board of Directors has identified the creation of new scholarships that support the development of careers in agriculture and related sciences as a priority goal for programming initiatives. With the assistance of the Deans of the agricultural colleges in Canada, the CFFAE Board of Directors identified five focus areas for new scholarships, guided by the principle that the scholarships will support students enrolled in Canadian Universities and Colleges in programs that advance or benefit the agricultural and food science community in Canada.

1. **Experiential learning for undergraduates (support for studies in a different geographic location)**
2. **International study for graduate students (support for studies abroad)**
3. **Entrance scholarships (support for first year agricultural studies)**
4. **Sustainable agriculture, environment, and aquaculture**
5. **Indigenous students (encourage enrolment in agricultural studies by indigenous students)**

CFFAE also welcomes donations in support of our current programs.

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CFFAE Honorary Patrons

The Board of Directors is working to increase the Foundation's profile and to generate even more opportunities to advance knowledge and appreciation of sustainable agriculture.

To that end, eminent leaders in the agricultural industry and professions from across Canada accepted the Foundation's invitation to serve as Honorary Patrons to the CFFAE and assist in our fundraising campaign:

- **Dr. Mary Buhr**, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan
- **Dr. Bob Church**, accomplished educator, medical scientist, cattleman, and entrepreneur; recipient of the Order of Canada and the Alberta Order of Excellence
- **Dr. Garth Coffin**, former Principal of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College
- **Mr. Arthur Froehlich**, President of Agriview
- **Dr. Robert Gordon**, Vice-President, Research, Wilfrid Laurier University
- **Mr. Kim McConnell**, founder and former CEO of Adfarm
- **Dr. Ed Tyrchniewicz**, Senior Scholar in the Department of Agribusiness at the University of Manitoba
- **Hon. Lyle Vanclief**, Canada's Minister of Agriculture from 1997 to 2003

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