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**Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarships Provide Financial Support for Students**

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The AIC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2007 Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship recipients who each receive awards of \$1500 to support their post-graduate studies in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. The scholarships are supported by the RBC Foundation. The 2007 recipients are:

- **James Benkie** from Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Alberta. James is evaluating the returns to research of barley in Canada, which is especially important in the western Canadian beef sector.
- **Jesse Cole** from Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the MSc program in Agriculture and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Jesse's studies include assessing socio-economic impacts of new crop varieties with novel traits that could be used for bio-products.
- **Christian Iniguez Coronel**, of Edmonton, AB is enrolled in the PhD program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta. Christian is studying industrial organization interactions and market structure in agricultural commodities, concentrating in the western Canadian grains and oilseeds sector. He is particularly interested in examining how grain handling agents might be affected, given the recent changes in regulation.
- **Brian Innes**, of Saskatoon, SK is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Brian is studying the role for government in assurance systems for production-derived quality.
- **Pamela Laughland** from Guelph, ON is enrolled in the MSc program in the Department of Food and Agriculture Resource Economics at the University of Guelph. She is studying innovative activity in Canada's emerging bio-products sector and its implications for agriculture.
- **Gregory Pate** from Guelph, ON is enrolled in the MSc program in Agricultural Economics at the University of Guelph. Gregory's studies focus on how Ontario farmers can get involved using a co-operative business unit structure in the growing area of bio-products. The findings from his research will provide insightful information on what actions producers and their cooperatives should take in order to benefit from value added activities.

Established in 1990, the Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship has provided financial support to Masters or PhD students across Canada who specialize in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade. The late Douglas McRorie, PAg, a past Vice-President of RBC Royal Bank, and of the AICF, is remembered for his commitment and leadership to the agricultural sector across Canada. In 2006 AICF was pleased to announce an additional 5-year commitment from RBC Royal Bank for continued support of this scholarship.

## **Background**

The Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation is an agricultural charitable organization that has dedicated resources to the betterment of agriculture by:

- Promoting educational programs aimed at improving public understanding of agriculture and its importance to a safe, affordable and secure food supply.
- Funding the assembly, analysis and distribution of factual information on agricultural issues.
- Supporting scholarships in agriculture disciplines.
- Supporting activities by universities that improve students' knowledge and understanding of the agricultural industry and its importance to the economy and the environment.
- Supporting research on matters affecting agriculture.

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