

Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique National Graduate Scholarship
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The first “Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique National Graduate Scholarship” was awarded in Edmonton at the 2008 Canadian Geotechnical Conference. The awardee is Mr Jasmin Raymond, a PhD student at Université Laval, Ste Foy, Quebec. From his supervisor’s, Dr Rene Therrien’s, letter of nomination, “Jasmin is exploring the geothermal energy potential of flooded mines and mine wastes, by conducting detailed hydrogeological field experiments as well as advanced numerical modelling. Jasmin is a very talented young researcher who is becoming a leading researcher in low-temperature geothermal systems.”

The scholarship, valued at \$5,000, was established by the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique in 2007 on the occasion of the 60th Canadian Geotechnical Conference in Ottawa. Any Canadian or permanent resident, entering or registered in a Canadian university Masters or PhD program that is directly related to an identified field of geotechnique, is eligible. Programs include geotechnical engineering, geological engineering, mining engineering, geoenvironmental engineering or geoenvironmental geoscience, engineering geology and hydrogeology. Nominees must have a high academic standing. Preference will given to those who have some practical experience and are active, or show leadership, in the geotechnical community.

Nominations are limited to one per academic department and require a letter, accompanied by rationale, written and signed by the graduate supervisor. Rationale should include evidence of academic standing, research output, contributions to practice, and leadership/activity in the geotechnical community. Nomination packages are limited to 5 pages

Nominations for the 2009 Scholarship will be accepted by the Canadian Geotechnical Society’s Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, Dr Paul Simms (c/o Carleton University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa ON. K1S 5B6, telephone 613 520 2600 ext. 2079, paul_simms@carleton.ca) up until June 1, 2009. If submitted by email, nominations must be signed by the supervisor and include the words “Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique National Graduate Scholarship” in the subject line.

A reminder of the call for nominations will be sent by the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique in mid-March. If you would like a reminder sent to your academic department, please email Doug VanDine, President, Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique at vandine@islandnet.com before the end of February, 2009, with the appropriate return email address.