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Newsletter of the Department of Earth Sciences, U.W.O.

Friday December 14, 2007

Congratulations ...

to James Masters on his recent successful M.Sc. Geology defence. We wish James the very best for the future.

Congratulations also ...

to Meghan MacLeod and Lindsay McClenaghan who have both won prestigious travel awards to attend a field trip, "Cu-Fe-Au/Cu-Ag Ore Deposits of Chile" sponsored by the Society for Economic Geologists, which will take place March 8-16, 2008. Great news!

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Society of Exploration Geophysicists Foundation

The 2008-09 SEG Scholarship program is now open to applications from both undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in applied geophysics and other closely related fields. Interested students may apply online at:

foundation.seg.org.

Inquiries may be directed to "scholarships@seg.org".

Deadline for applications: February 1, 2008 in Tulsa.

All eligible students are strongly encouraged to apply; many previous UWO applicants have been successful.

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J.P. Bickell Foundation Mining Scholarship Program

K. Johnston

Available to candidates in Engineering and Earth Sciences based on either of the criteria listed below. When submitting your essays, please complete a consent form which will allow the committee to view your academic record. An official transcript is not required..

1) Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in any year

beyond year one who have expressed an interest in mining and are enrolled in one of the following programs: Chemical Engineering, Biochemical and Environmental Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Civil and Structural Engineering. Candidates must have achieved a minimum 70% average, and recipients will be selected by a committee in Engineering based on academic achievement. Applicants must provide a brief essay (maximum 250 words) describing their interest in mining by September 30 to the Faculty of Engineering.

2) Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in any year beyond year one who have expressed an interest in mining and are enrolled in a field course in one of the following programs: Geology, Geophysics or Geology and Environmental Science. Candidates must have achieved a 70% average, and recipients will be selected by a committee in Earth Sciences based on academic achievement. *Applicants must provide a brief essay (maximum 250 words) describing their interest in mining by January 15 to the Department of Earth Sciences in the Faculty of Science.*

Value: The value of each scholarship is a minimum \$2,000 and the number available annually will vary depending on the pool of eligible applicants. Approximately \$35,000 is available annually, and successful recipients will share this amount equally. Engineering and Earth Sciences are eligible to select an equal number of recipients. However, if eligible candidates cannot be found in Engineering, unused funds will be directed to select additional recipients in Earth Sciences. Conversely, if eligible candidates cannot be found in Earth Sciences, unused funds will be directed to select additional recipients in Engineering.

NSERC USRA Summer Jobs

R. Flemming

Students in Geology, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Environmental Geoscience, Geophysics, Biology-Geology, Planetary Science and Materials Science:

Summer experience as a research scientist on campus at Western in the summer of 2008 is available via



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an NSERC USRA program. The salary will be approx. \$5,600 for the 16 weeks of summer, starting early-mid May. To apply

1. Talk to your professor(s) who's subject area interests you most, and see if they would be willing to supervise an NSERC summer student. (maybe take a study break during exams).
2. Go to http://www.nserc.gc.ca/forms/formtable_e.htm for information and to register for online services.
3. After you register, go to http://www.nserc.gc.ca/forms/formtable2_e.htm and select Students, Forms and fill out part 1 of the application form online.
4. Click 'submit' and you will receive a Reference number.
5. Give your Reference number to your supervisor so they can fill in part 2 of the form.
6. Submit both parts of the form to me.

Applications are due in mid January, so I will remind you about it again early next term.

Eligibility:

You must be a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant with full time student status (3.5 courses) studying in a science-related field with a cumulative average of 80% (not including this term),

You can apply to any of the seven faculties in science, but apply to one only.

Christmas Appeal for Needy Families

M. Rice

Thank you so much to those people who have donated funds and/or food to this year's family. We were able to provide each member of the family with a personal gift, as well as a food supply to the family as a whole.

Thank you for your generous support!

Graduate courses for Winter term 2008

M. Rice

Faculty offering graduate courses next term: Could you please each provide to me an up-to-date course description, including all statements regarding plagiarism, etc. before the end of term. Thank you.

Christmas Holiday Period

The University is officially closed for the Christmas holiday period from and including Monday December 24, 2007 up to and including January 1, 2008.

For those planning to work on campus during that time, please note that most areas will have decreased heating and ventilation systems may not be working, or at full capacity - if you have special needs, please check with the Physical Plant Department.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE

