New Scholarships and Awards

Dr. Dana Winterburn Memorial Award (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Family Medicine)
Awarded annually to a student in Year 4 of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program based on the candidate's interest in Family Medicine as well as his/her interest in working with aboriginal or indigenous communities in a career that includes advancing Aboriginal health issues and/or serving aboriginal communities. Preference will be given to a student who self-identifies as having Aboriginal/Indigenous, First Nations, Inuit or Metis ancestry. A one-page statement outlining the candidate's interest and experience working with aboriginal communities, together with a CV, must be submitted to the Department of Family Medicine by March 15. The student will be selected by a scholarship committee in the Department of Family Medicine. If during any year no suitable candidate is available, then an award will not be made. This award was established with Foundation Western by family and friends to honour Dr. Dana Winterburn.

Dr. Winterburn was a beloved doctor at the Byron Family Medical Centre and an outstanding faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine. She was also the first female aboriginal graduate of the Doctor of Medicine program at the University of Alberta. Prior to joining the Department of Family Medicine, she served as a family physician at the Middlesex London Health Unit, at the North Lambton Community Health Centre serving the Kettle Point First Nation, at the London Psychiatric Hospital, and at Student Health Services at Western. She passed away unexpectedly in 2012.

Value: 1 at $1,000
Effective: 2013-2014 academic year

The Sumac Ontario Graduate Scholarship (School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Geography)
Awarded annually to a full-time graduate student in Geography at the Masters or Doctoral level who is a current holder of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship, based on academic achievement and research merit. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will select the recipient in cooperation with the Department of Geography. This scholarship was made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous donor.

Value: 1 at $5,000*
Effective: May 2012 to April 2017

* *Each Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) is ensured a 2:1 match through the Provincial Government, increasing the value of the scholarship to $15,000.*

Steve Alb Global Opportunities Award (Any Undergraduate Program)
Awarded to a full-time student enrolled in any program who is participating in an international exchange or study-abroad program. This includes exchange programs; approved study-abroad programs; curriculum-based international field courses, international study or international community service; internships; and other University-led international credit or non-credit learning experiences. The award recipient will be selected based on a combination of academic achievement, proposed length of international program, and a short (250 word) student statement outlining expected learning through the program and how the student will be an effective ambassador for Western.

Students participating in any of the above-listed programs who are registered at the constituent University may be considered. Students must have completed their prescribed academic program the previous year and currently be registered in a full-time course load (minimum 3.5 courses). Students may apply for this award in advance of being accepted into an eligible international learning program, with receipt of the award contingent upon acceptance into the program.

Online applications are available on the Global Opportunities Web site, Western International. Transcripts are required for students who studied elsewhere in their previous academic year. Applications are due on November 30 (for decisions in early January) and March 15 (for decisions in early May). The recipient will be selected based on a combination of academic achievement, and a statement that outlines how this experience will contribute to the student's development as a global citizen, what he or she expects to learn through the program of study and how he or she will be an effective Ambassador for Western. This award was established by a generous gift from the National Association of College Stores, Inc. in

recognition of Steve Alb, CCR, Director, Western Retail Services who served on the NACS Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2011.

Value: 1 at $2,000*
Effective: 2012-2013 academic year only

** The donor is contributing $1,000 which will be matched by the University through the Global Opportunities Award Program.*