**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (**[**CASC**](http://coopresearch.coop/)**) Scholarships**

Please submit the application form, together with supporting material, by **March 31, 2015** to:

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Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (CMC) is calling for applications for the three CASC scholarships administered by CMC:

* Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship (graduate students only);
* Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship (graduate students only);
* Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award (undergraduate or graduate students).

In addition to the monetary awards, winners of all three scholarships will be awarded a free one-year membership in the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) as well as free registration at the 2016 CASC conference.

The deadline for applications is **March 31, 2015.**

**Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship**

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada established the Laidlaw Fellowship to honour Dr. Alexander Fraser Laidlaw, the father of the non-profit co-operative housing movement in Canada. An outstanding Canadian adult educator and co-op leader, Dr. Laidlaw served the cause of the co-operative movement for over 40 years. Author of Cooperatives in the Year 2000, Laidlaw fostered the social purpose of the co-op movement while always advocating sound business methods for co-operative organizations.

The Laidlaw Award, valued at $1,000, is available to graduate students only. The award is based on the applicant’s academic record, as well as on the importance of the proposed research activities to the development of the co-op movement in Canada or abroad**.**

**Applicants must either undertake studies at Canadian universities or university-equivalent colleges (regardless of citizenship) or are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants studying at such institutions outside Canada.**

To be eligible to receive the award, recipients must undertake their proposed study within one calendar year of the fellowship being awarded.

**Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship**

The Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation established the Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship in recognition of the outstanding contribution these two leaders made to the development of the credit union movement and the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation.

Tim, a retired scientist from the National Research Council, and Amy, who passed away in 2010, had a strong commitment to co-operatives, education and research. Both served as local directors on a number of organizations. Amy was the first woman elected to the board of directors of Credit Union Central of Ontario and served for 22 years.

The award, currently valued at $3,000, is available to graduate students only. The award will be based on the applicants' academic records and on the importance of the proposed research activities to the development of the co-op movement in Canada or abroad.

**Applicants must either undertake studies at Canadian universities or university-equivalent colleges (regardless of citizenship) or are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants studying at such institutions outside Canada.**

To be eligible to receive the award, recipients must undertake their proposed study within one calendar year of the fellowship being awarded.

**Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award**

Louis Lemaire, a co-operative pioneer, dedicated much of his life to organizing co-operatives in Saskatchewan and willed part of his estate to the Co-operative College of Canada (now the Canadian Co-operative Association) to support co-operative studies.

Available to both undergraduate and graduate students, the Lemaire awards are intended to encourage students to undertake studies and research which will help them contribute to the development of co-operative in Canada or elsewhere. These awards are also intended to support students who have been involved in co-operatives, preferably in leadership positions as volunteers or employees.

Eligible candidates will have been involved with co-operatives, must demonstrate reasonable knowledge and understanding of co-op principles and their application, and be able to indicate how the proposed studies and research will contribute to the co-op movement.

Full-time or part-time students, taking full- or partial-credit courses at any university or university-equivalent college are eligible to apply. Eligible candidates must take a minimum of one course about co-operatives. The bursaries will be awarded in multiples of $1,000 to a maximum of $3,000. The amount of the awards will be proportional to the significance and contribution of the studies to the advancement of co-operatives.

**Applicants must either undertake studies at Canadian universities or university-equivalent colleges (regardless of citizenship) or are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants studying at such institutions outside Canada.**

To be eligible to receive the award, recipients must undertake their proposed study within one calendar year of the fellowship being awarded.

Please note that the awards and scholarships listed above are intended to support studies about co-operative businesses and organizations - they are not intended to support co-op work/study programs in other fields of study.

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Please complete the below form in full:

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| Date of Entry into Program |  |
| Expected Completion Date |  |
| Applicant’s signature |  |
| Date signed |  |

Please attach the following information on a separate sheet:* Background Information;
* Previous degree(s); official transcripts;
* Academic awards; distinctions; scholarships;
* Letters of reference from two referees — one **must** be academic;
* Statement of interest in co-operatives;
* Experience with co-operatives (as either volunteer or employee).

**Description of Project*** Please attach an outline of your research project. (Maximum of 4 pages for graduate students; 1 page for undergraduates;
* Format: Times 12 pt., 1.5 spacing, 2.54 cm (one-inch) margins).

**Please include the following:** * Scope and objective of the project;
* Theoretical significance and practical importance;
* Relationship to existing research and literature;
* Methodology;
* Schedule of work in progress and work to be done;
* Name of supervisor and/or instructor.
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