

## Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation Awards

The Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) is a recognized academic association in Canada and consists of both academics and practitioners. Its mission is to promote the sharing of information and experiences from studies and research on co-operatives and co-operation and to help identify and develop further studies and research. In support of its mission, CASC manages the following awards.

- Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship
- Amy and Tim Dauphinée Scholarship
- Lemaire Co-operative Studies Awards

These awards are intended to support research that will contribute to the co-op movement in Canada or abroad. In addition to the monetary awards, winners of all three scholarships will receive a free one-year CASC membership as well as free registration at the 2017 CASC conference.

### Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, and other donors, have established the Laidlaw Fellowship to honour Dr. Alexander Fraser Laidlaw, the father of the nonprofit 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 more than forty years in a variety of contexts and in many ways, from serving as a director of a co-operative in his native Port Hood, NS, to being a keynote speaker at the International Co-operative Alliance congress in 1980. Author of *Co-operatives in the Year 2000*, Laidlaw fostered the social purpose of the co-op movement while advocating sound business methods for co-operative organizations.

This award is available to graduate students only. It is based on applicants' academic records and on the importance of the proposed research activities to the development of the co-op movement in Canada or abroad. The award is currently valued at \$1,000.

**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.

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### Amy and Tim Dauphinée Scholarship

The Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation (OCUCF) established the Amy and Tim

Dauphinée Scholarship in recognition of the outstanding contribution these two leaders made to the development of the credit union movement and to the foundation. Tim, a retired scientist from the National Research Council, and Amy, a retired school principal, have a strong commitment to co-operatives, education, and research. Both have 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 twenty-two years. The OCUCF had \$3,000 in assets in the early 1980s when Tim and Amy become involved. They raised more than \$60,000 through the establishment of “booknooks” in credit unions; their energy inspired others and the foundation has matured. The foundation’s annual expenditures are split among worthy projects in Ontario and developing countries.

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### **Lemaire Co-operative Studies Awards**

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 that will help them contribute to the development of co-operatives in Canada and 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 their proposed studies 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.

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**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.**

All three scholarships will be announced in April of each year. Students can apply by using one application form. Applications may be submitted in French.

A committee of CASC will select and notify the recipients. Not all awards will be granted if, in the committee's opinion, there are too few qualified candidates.

Applications are available [here](#) or by contacting Ashley Denny at the following address.

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**The deadline for applications is 31 March 2017**

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