INTRODUCTION

The Michel Lalonde MHA Scholarship Fund was initially established on December 9, 2008 at a reception to honour a leader in the health care field. The Fund was subsequently supplemented with matching contribution from the Telfer School of Management. The many generous contributions to the Fund are a reflection of the significant contribution of Michel Lalonde in the health care community, as well as of the reputation of the MHA program at the University of Ottawa.

Mr. Lalonde completed his Bachelor of Commerce in 1969 and his Master in Health Administration (MHA) degree at the University of Ottawa in 1972. Between 2000 and 2009, he has served as Executive-In-Residence for the MHA program.

Michel Lalonde had a long and successful career in health care administration. He served as chief executive officer for the Hawkesbury and Winchester hospitals during the merger of their senior administration and the development of a partner hospital network that also included the Ottawa Hospital. Mr. Lalonde also had leadership roles at the Hawkesbury Hospital, the Ottawa General Hospital and Hôpital Montfort. Most recently he was the first Chair and President of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network, a position he held until December 2006.

Mr. Lalonde's community involvement has included membership on the board of directors of The Ottawa Children Treatment Centre, the Community Quality Improvement Network (Ontario), and the Quality Committee of the Ottawa Hospital.

PURPOSE OF FUND

The goal of the Michel Lalonde MHA scholarship is to recognize a student in the MHA program who exhibits exceptional leadership qualities manifested through academic excellence and engagement in extracurricular activities. The recipient of the scholarship will commit himself/herself to concentrate on issues of health care leadership during the course of the Administrative Residency. Taking up the Residency in a care delivery organization will be considered an asset.

The Michel Lalonde MHA Recipient is expected to act as the MHA program ambassador and a role model for future generations of health care executives. In such a role the recipient is expected to be actively involved in the MHA Program, including sharing his/her experiences with registered and incoming students and participating in MHA sponsored activities.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a full- or part-time student in the University of Ottawa MHA Program; and
2. demonstrate leadership potential through involvement in projects, initiatives and extracurricular activities; and
3. demonstrate academic excellence.
Value of the Award: Minimum $2,000  
Number of Awards: One  
Frequency of the Award: Annual  
Level of the Award: Graduate  
Scholarship Contact: Telfer School of Management  
Application Deadline: August 15

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:

1. the Curriculum Vitae on Online Scholarships and Bursaries;
2. a document (max. one page) that must clearly demonstrate the candidate’s leadership qualities through the description of projects and initiatives where the candidate has played a leadership role. The candidate must describe his contribution to these projects and initiatives. Demonstration of leadership contributions in extracurricular activities while a student in the MHA program is necessary, the candidate may also describe other examples of his leadership prior to his or her admission to the MHA program; and
3. a document (max. one page) which must describe how the student intends to exercise his leadership during the course of the Administrative Residency, and as such the candidate is encouraged to discuss his or her role during his or her residency with his or her preceptor, and to present how he or she intends to act as the MHA program ambassador and role model for future generations of health care executives.