TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWMENT FUND

NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND
Skladany-Repasky Family Scholarship and Research Fund in Slovak Studies

INTRODUCTION
The Skladany-Repasky Family Scholarship and Research Fund has been established in cooperation with the Chair in Slovak History and Culture at the University of Ottawa to promote the study of the heritage of 40,000 Slovak immigrants who arrived in Canada in the 1920's and 1930's. The scholarship will support the research work/study of one graduate or undergraduate student annually in the Slovak History program who has an interest in delving into the social, economic and political impact of Slovak immigrants to Canada.

The families of Stefan and Veronica Repasky of Montréal, Quebec and Paul and Mary Skladany of Timmins, Ontario endured many hardships in their early years of Canadian life, including a transition from traditional agricultural labour in their former homeland to new occupations as janitors and gold miners. Stefan Repasky became a superintendent of a Montréal apartment building. Meanwhile, Paul Skladany Sr. worked underground in a gold mine for 42 years.

The economic challenge of those times, coupled with little government financial and social support, meant that these immigrant families relied on their own ingenuity, hard work and skill to meet the needs of their families. One of the Skladany sons, Paul Peter Skladany, went on to study at the University of Ottawa and earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1964 and continued his studies and earned his CGA in 1972 in London, Ontario. Members of the Skladany/Repasky family reside primarily in London, Ontario and in Chelsea, Quebec. Meanwhile, descendants of the Repasky clan continue to reside in the Montréal area.

PURPOSE OF FUND
The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to:
1. Graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of History who wish to study Slovak history and culture at the University of Ottawa.
2. Scholars who wish to do research in the Slovak Archives at the University of Ottawa.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS
Eligibility Criteria
The student applicant must:
1. be registered in the Department of History of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ottawa, for the purpose of studying Slovak history and culture, or the Slovak Archives; and
2. demonstrate academic excellence.

External scholars must demonstrate professional interest in the use of the Slovak archives at the University.

Value of the Award: Variable
Number of Awards: Variable
Frequency of the Award: Annual
Level of the Award: Graduate and Undergraduate
Application Contact: Financial Aid and Awards Service
Application Deadline: October 31 for student, open deadline for external scholars

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
For students, applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:
1. an unofficial copy of the applicant's academic transcript; and
2. the Curriculum Vitae on Online Scholarships and Bursaries.

External scholars must submit to the Chairholder, Chair in Slovak History and Culture, a curriculum vitae, and a
detailed research proposal specifically outlining the anticipated benefit of access to the University of Ottawa Slovak Archives, and the financial request to complete their research.