TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

NAME OF ENDOWED FUND
Imrich and Margita Stolarik Memorial Scholarship and Research Bursary

INTRODUCTION
The fund was established in 2000 in memory of Imrich (16. I. 1909--15. XI. 2000) and Margita (02. XI. 1902-20, V, 2002) Stolarik by family and friends. Mr. Stolarik was not only a pillar of the Slovak community in Ottawa, but its foundation. He was born in Slovakia in 1909. He won state scholarships that enabled him to get an education and to take part in the burgeoning literary and cultural life of Slovakia. He moved to Canada in 1951 with his wife Margita and their children. While working as a laborer, Mr. Stolarik supported his family, studied at night and plunged into creating and supporting a Slovak community life as well. In Ottawa, he founded lay and religious organizations for a Slovak community that scarcely existed until his arrival. His activities quickly embraced all of Canada. He became a prolific author on aspects of Slovak life in Canada and founded, in 1951, the Ottawa Branch of the Canadian Slovak League, a fraternal benefit and insurance society and was its president from 1954-1997. In 1980, Mr. Stolarik helped set up a Slovak School for young members of the community. He was a strong believer in education and was a major sponsor of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture at the University of Ottawa. Margita Stolarik supported Imrich Stolarik's work on behalf of his family and the Slovak nation for most of her life. Her thrift and ingenious cooking recipes helped the family to survive six years of poverty and want while they were refugees in Austria. She also applied her incredible skills in domestic science to help the family recover its social standing in Canada. In their old age, Imrich and Margita Stolarik proudly presided over an extended family of more than fifty, all of whom were doing very well in their adopted country of Canada.

PURPOSE OF FUND
Provide financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of History who wish to study Slovak history and culture at the University of Ottawa; or to scholars who wish to do research in the Slovak Archives at the University of Ottawa.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS
Eligibility Criteria
The applicant must:

1. be registered in an undergraduate or graduate program at the Department of History at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ottawa;
2. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person of protected/refugee status or an international student;
3. demonstrate an interest in studying Slovak history and culture; and
4. demonstrate academic excellence.

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

Value of the award: Variable
Number of awards: Variable
Frequency of the award: Annual
Level or program of study: Undergraduate or graduate
Application contact: Financial Aid and Awards Service
Application deadline: October 31 for students, 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 a letter (max. 500 words) written by the applicant and detailing his/her interest in studying Slovak history and culture.
**External applicants** must submit to the holder of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture a résumé, 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.