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Canadian Slovak Benefit Society Scholarship and Research Bursary

INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Slovak Benefit Society was founded in 1946. The Benefit Society published a Slovak-language newspaper, *The Slovak Voice*, for many years, allowing Canada's immigrant community to stay current on the events in their homeland. The Benefit Society was active in the fight for the Slovak people's right to self-governance, stressing patriotic and democratic principles, and organizing Slovak immigrants regardless of religious and political convictions. The second largest Slovak fraternal organization in Canada, the Canadian Slovak Benefit Society dissolved in 2005 after many years of service to the local community.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To provide financial assistance to graduate and undergraduate 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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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.