INTRODUCTION

The Gilles G. Patry Student Engagement Fund for Ontario Student Residents was created in 2008 to honour and recognize the extensive contributions and commitment of Dr. Gilles Patry to the University of Ottawa student, faculty and staff community.

In August 2001, Dr. Gilles G. Patry became the fourth President of the University of Ottawa since it joined the ranks of Ontario’s provincially assisted universities in 1965. Not only is Dr. Patry the first locally born and educated President of the 160-year-old institution, he is also first to have extensive private-sector experience.

That experience proved invaluable when Dr. Patry spearheaded efforts to create the School of Information Technology and Engineering (SITE), an interdisciplinary initiative designed to provide leading-edge information technology research and education at the University of Ottawa.

Gilles Patry is a proud alumnus of the University of Ottawa, where he earned BASc and MASc degrees in civil engineering, in 1971 and 1973 respectively. In 1971, Dr. Patry began his professional life as a consulting engineer prior to becoming a civil engineering professor at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal (1978) and at McMaster University (1983-1993). In 1983, he added a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California (Davis) to his accomplishments.

In 1985, Dr. Patry founded Hydromantis Inc., an international consulting firm specializing in the modeling and simulation of water and wastewater treatment facilities. In 1993, he returned to the University of Ottawa to serve as the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He was named Executive of the Year 2003 by the Regroupement des gens d'affaires of the National Capital Region. In June 2008, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

Dr. Patry was appointed Vice-President, Academic in 1997, then President and Vice-Chancellor in August 2001. In 2002, he was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. From 2001 to 2005, Dr. Patry was Associate Editor of the Journal of Environmental Engineering and Science.

Gilles Patry specializes in the field of modeling, simulation and control of environmental systems, in general, and of wastewater treatment plants, in particular. He is the author of more than 125 peer-reviewed journal and conference papers.

A staunch advocate of the university's unique bilingual character, Dr. Patry has spearheaded efforts to provide leadership in the Francophone community. This has led to the creation of the Institute of Official Languages and Bilingualism and the creation of a French immersion program that is unique in Canada.
In addition to his duties as President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Patry sat on the board of several key organizations including the uOttawa Heart Institute; the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation; the Ontario Centres of Excellence; the Ontario Research Innovation Council and the National Research Council of Canada.

During his tenure as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ottawa, Dr. Patry oversaw the following achievements:

- Development of the University’s strategic plan – Vision 2010.
- Operating budget grew from $334 million in 2001 to $619 million in 2007 (expected to reach $670 million in 2008)
- Hiring of more than 740 faculty members between 2001 and 2007
- Student population grew from 25,400 in 2001 to 35,600 in 2007
- Promotion of the development of multidisciplinary initiatives including academic programs, research centres and institutes
- Launch of the second fundraising campaign in the history of the University of Ottawa, with a goal of $200 million dollars. Surpassed the $200 million goal one year ahead of schedule by raising a record $226 million by May 2007
- More than $300 million in capital investments were made on campus
- Announced in February 2007, the launch of a $150 million academic infrastructure plan

The donors thank the Government of Ontario who helped create this fund through its generous matching contributions.

The University would like to thank all those who contributed to the Gilles G. Patry Student Engagement Fund for Ontario Student Residents, making this special initiative a truly extraordinary success. Thanks to the generosity of professors, students, staff, alumni and friends, this fund will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of scholarship recipients and the broader community.

**PURPOSE OF THE FUND**

Funds raised from donations and matching funds in support of the Gilles G. Patry Student Engagement Fund for Ontario Student Residents will be used to provide financial assistance to students who combine a commitment to voluntary community service, namely through the university’s Michaëlle Jean Centre for Global and Community Engagement, while maintaining a good academic standing.

**SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

The applicant must:

1. be registered as a full-time student at the University of Ottawa;
2. be an Ontario resident, as per OSAP rules;
3. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa; and
4. demonstrate good academic standing, volunteer service and leadership in community-building, in a local, national and/or international context.

**Value of the Award:** Maximum $3,000

**Number of Awards:** Variable

**Frequency of the Award:** Annual
Level of the Award: Undergraduate and 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 uoZone, and should include:
1. the Financial Questionnaire; and
2. a two-page statement (max. 1,000 words) describing:
   a. the candidate’s record of community service both in a university and non-university setting; and
   b. how the candidate views the role of voluntary service in their ethical, academic and professional development.