

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND SCOTT RAFTER MEMORIAL AWARD

INTRODUCTION

This memorial award commemorates Scott Rafter, a student in Clinical Psychology at the University of Ottawa who was highly committed both to research and to clinical aspects of the program and excelled at both. Scott died of leukaemia in 1994.

Scott Rafter was born on May 2nd, 1962 in Hamilton, Ontario, the youngest son of John and Dorothy Rafter and younger brother to Patti, Brenda, and Michael. He was greatly respected and loved by almost all who had the opportunity to meet him. In 1971, Scott was accepted in a very competitive honours degree program in Arts and Sciences from the McMaster University. In his first year he was introduced for the first time to the science of psychology, and had an immediate attraction to the field. This ultimately led Scott to graduate with a double major in Arts and Science and Psychology. It was a very proud moment for the Rafter family as he was the first to complete a university degree. After receiving his undergraduate degree, Scott was unsure whether or not he should pursue a graduate degree; he decided to pursue another interest of his - the culinary arts. He took courses and worked himself up the ladder from bus-boy and dishwasher, to sous-chef and, finally, chef. In 1988, Scott was accepted at the University of Waterloo in a Masters program in psychology in which he excelled. It was from there that he was noticed by the University of Ottawa. He jumped at the chance to obtain a PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Ottawa and discovered what he was born to do.

In the spring of 1994, Scott experienced chest pain while finishing off a major paper on statistical psychology. His friends took him into a clinic where they found the growing mass in his chest that had already spread to his bone marrow. He was in his second year of a PhD program when he was diagnosed with lymphoblastic lymphoma. Chemotherapy commenced but the disease was not responsive and he died of complications ten weeks following the diagnosis. There is no way to reconcile the loss of one with so much promise. Time may have healed the painful passing of Scott, but there is not a day that goes by that he is not remembered and thought of as the dear son, brother, uncle, friend, clinician, and researcher that he was. He may be gone, but will never be forgotten.

PURPOSE OF FUND

The purpose of this award is to recognize students, in the third to sixth year in the doctoral program in clinical psychology, who have demonstrated excellence in both research and clinical work.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be in their third to sixth year of the doctoral program in clinical psychology; and
2. be registered in the clinical psychology program at time of submitting an application for the award and at time of receipt of the award.

Note: Other things being equal, preference will be given to candidates without external funding.

Value of the Award: Variable

Number of Awards: One

Frequency of the Award: Annual

Renewable: No

Level of the Award: Graduate

Application Contact: Programs Manager, School of Psychology

Application Deadline: May 15

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Graduate students who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to apply; applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:

1. a one-page letter from the applicant indicating their research activities;
2. an updated curriculum vitae; and
3. a minimum of two letters of reference, one of which must come from the student's supervisor. The letters must be sent directly by the referees, to the loans and awards office at loansandawards@uottawa.ca.