

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND

Hans K. Uhthoff, MD FRCSC Graduate Fellowship

INTRODUCTION

This fund was established in September 2005 in honour of Dr. Hans K. Uhthoff, MD emeritus professor in the Department of Surgery, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, and founder of The Bone and Joint Research Laboratory, University of Ottawa. The Fellowship was announced at a tribute dinner to celebrate his 80th birthday. The tribute was organized by Dr. Geoffrey Dervin, Head of the Division of Orthopaedic surgery at The Ottawa Hospital and Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Uhthoff's career at the University of Ottawa spanned more than 30 years. He arrived at the university in 1973 and was appointed emeritus professor in July 1995. He continues to participate in research programs and mentoring students. He is well known as a major research scientist in the field of orthopaedic surgery in North America. This was recognized nationally by his election as president of the Canadian Orthopaedic Research Society in 1976 and his appointment to the Medical Research Council of Canada.

Dr. Uhthoff was born at Koblenz on the Rhine on November 21, 1925. He graduated from the University of Marburg, Germany in 1951 with his medical degree. Following an internship in postgraduate surgery in Germany he immigrated to Canada and pursued a residency in Orthopaedic surgery at the University of Montreal, obtaining fellowship at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1958. In 1971 he was appointed to the Department of Surgery at the University of Montreal where he developed an interest in fracture fixation and fracture healing. In 1973, he accepted an appointment at the University of Ottawa as Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery and it was here that his major research endeavours blossomed as he developed his fracture research laboratory in bone biomechanics and histology.

The University of Ottawa recognized Dr. Uhthoff's abilities soon after his arrival. In 1976, he was appointed Head of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery. He played a prominent role in many orthopaedic associations over the years and organized many meetings and symposia. He has served as scientific reviewer and examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and for many orthopaedic programs across the country. He has also served an international role as he established major research links with Japan and has trained research scientists. He also maintained his connections to France and Germany.

One of his biographers states: "In summary, Dr Uhthoff is an exemplary individual who has been able to combine a very significant research track record in conjunction with his clinical, academic and administrative responsibilities to the University of Ottawa."

The donors wish to thank the University of Ottawa for its matching contributions, when combined with their donations, create an initial endowment fund of \$ 480,000.00.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To support and encourage graduate orthopaedic research at the Master's and PhD levels.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with the protected/refugee status or an international student;
2. be registered full-time in a graduate program at the University of Ottawa^[1];
3. be conducting research in conjunction with a member of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery toward this graduate degree (either a Master's or a PhD); and
4. be working on projects oriented toward the basic sciences or clinical outcome measures and epidemiology in Orthopaedic related topics.

- **Value of the Award:** Minimum \$4,000
- **Number of Awards:** Variable
- **Frequency of the Award:** Annual
- **Level of the Award:** Graduate
- **Application Contact:** Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, Faculty of Medicine
- **Application Deadline:** October 31

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◦ **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:
 1. the Curriculum Vitae on Online Scholarships and Bursaries;
 2. a two-page summary of the proposed research; and
 3. a letter of support from the graduate supervisor.

^[1] Students registered in the Faculty of Engineering and/or the Faculty of Health Science, who meet the eligibility criteria 2. and 3. are eligible as well