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Gertrud and Nicole Baer Bursary for Women in Applied Mathematics

INTRODUCTION

This bursary was created thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Gertrud Baer and Ms. Nicole Baer. Gertrud, an immigrant from post-war Germany, was a medical doctor, a published author and an intellectual. And yet, aside from an ability to rapidly add sums in her head, she had little mathematical aptitude. It was because of that perceived failing that she admired mathematical genius in others. For instance, she applauded the capacity of her late husband, Dr. Hans Helmut Baer, a long-time University of Ottawa professor of organic chemistry, to visualize and mentally manipulate three-dimensional shapes, a concrete manifestation of applied mathematics. In the last years of her rich and influential life, Gertrud expressed a desire to promote in young people this gift she felt she lacked. Because of her profound love for her daughter, three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters, Gertrud's wish was that the recipient of the gift be a young woman. After Gertrud's passing in May 2019 at the age of 94, her daughter, Nicole, established this bursary in Gertrud's memory.

PURPOSE OF FUND

Award a bursary to a woman who is enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program in mathematics at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of Ottawa, and who demonstrates financial need.

BURSARY 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. self-identify as a woman;
3. be registered as a full-time student in an undergraduate program in mathematics at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of Ottawa; and
4. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa.

Value of the award: \$2,000

Number of awards: One

Frequency of the award: Annual

Level or program of study: Undergraduate

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 the Financial Questionnaire. In the case of multiple candidates meeting the base requirements, the selection committee will select the recipient based on the award policies and standard criteria used by the Faculty of Science at the time of selection.