

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

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George Sotiroff Bursary

INTRODUCTION

This bursary was launched in honour of Dr. George Sotiroff by his daughter Dr. Svetlana Sotiroff MacDonald and his four grandsons, University of Ottawa graduates, Gregory (B. Soc Sci '96), Anthony (MD'12), Stephen (B. Soc Sci '06) and Philip MacDonald (B. Ed '12).

George Sotiroff was born in Sofia, Bulgaria on July 27, 1910. After completing degrees in Economics and in Law in Bulgaria he travelled to Switzerland where he met and married the former Irene Torday (born in Budapest, Hungary). He studied History and International Economic Relations at the Geneva Postgraduate University and obtained his doctorate from the University of Fribourg, in 1943.

Dr. Sotiroff had a distinguished career with the International Red Cross and the League of Nations in Geneva, the United Nations in both Geneva and New York. In Canada he worked as an economist for the provincial governments of Saskatchewan and British Columbia and his work included helping to establish public healthcare. He also spent several years working for the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and in his later years was a visiting professor at L'Université Laval.

George Sotiroff was an accomplished academic and a well-published anthropologist with a passion for Slavic history, specifically Bulgarian history. His research was aided by the fact that he was a skilled linguist speaking, reading and writing English, French, German, Bulgarian and Russian and having a working knowledge of another 10-15 languages. For the final 20 years of his life, Dr. Sotiroff lived in Ste-Foy, Quebec.

He is remembered by his family and friends as a hard working individual, an academic role model, and a pioneer for modern Canada.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To provide financial support to undergraduate students in a program at the School of Political Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident or a person with the protected/refugee status;
2. be registered as a full-time undergraduate student in a program at the School of Political Studies;
3. be an Ontario resident, as per OSAP² rules;
4. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa; and
5. have a minimum CGPA of 6.0 or, in the case of first-year students, a minimum average of admission of 80 %.

Value of the Award: \$1,500

Number of Awards: Variable

Frequency of the Award: Annual

Level of the Award: 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 <https://scholarships.uottawa.ca>, and should include the Financial Questionnaire.

¹ OTSS: Ontario Trust Student Support

² OSAP: Ontario Student Assistance Program