

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND

Helen and John Ivanco Memorial Scholarship & Research Bursary

INTRODUCTION

The fund was established in 2004 in memory of Helen (25.VIII.1922--19.II.2005) and John Ivančo (5.X.1918-27.I.2004) by their children John Jr., Anne and Michael. John was born in the village of Matiaška and Helen in the neighbouring village of Kobylnice, Šariš County, Slovakia, into poor peasant families and both lost a parent at an early age. They were married in 1943 and had three children, one in Slovakia, one in the refugee camp of Ludwigsburg, West Germany, where they had fled the Communists in 1949, and the third in Canada. They started over in Canada as sponsored farm labourers in Ajax, Ontario. John eventually found employment in a foundry in Oshawa and Helen took in boarders and raised organic strawberries to supplement the family income. Both were Slovak patriots who strongly supported St. Mary's Greek Catholic Parish in Oshawa, as well as Branch 6 of the Canadian Slovak League and the General Milan Rastislav Štefánik Hall and Circle. They also saw to the education of their children and grandchildren and were strong supporters of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture at the University of Ottawa.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To provide financial assistance to:

1. Graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of History who wish to study Slovak history and culture at the University of Ottawa; or
2. Scholars who wish to do research in the Slovak Archives at the University of Ottawa¹.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be registered in the Department of History of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ottawa, for the purpose of studying Slovak history and culture, or Slovak Archives; and
2. demonstrate academic excellence.

External Scholars must demonstrate professional interest in the use of the Slovak archives at the University.

Value of the Award: Variable

Number of Awards: Variable

Frequency of the Award: Annual

Level of the Award: Graduate and Undergraduate

Application Contact: Financial Aid and Awards Service

Application Deadline: October 31 for graduate and undergraduate students; open deadline for external applicants

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications from graduate and undergraduate students must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:

1. an unofficial copy of the applicant's academic transcript; and
2. the Curriculum Vitae on Online Scholarships and Bursaries.

External scholars must submit a letter of intent to the Chairholder, Chair in Slovak History and Culture, a copy of their resume, and a detailed research proposal specifically outlining the anticipated benefit of access to the University of Ottawa Slovak Archives, and the financial request to complete their research.

¹ Preference will be given to University of Ottawa scholars over independent scholars