

FOR THE ORE GANGUE ALUMNI BURSARY FUND

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FUND HISTORY

Date Established: August 15, 2011
Fund Number: 600790, 301864
Beneficiary Department: College of Arts and Science
Purpose of the Fund: To provide financial support, reward academic performance, and recognize contributions to the Earth Sciences student community for students in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan who are members of the Ore Gangue.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

	2018-19	2017-18
Annual Activity		
New Contributions	\$ 2,100	\$ 5,007
Variance on Sale of Shares	-	-
Investment Returns	14,556	5,533
Bursaries	(15,000)	-
Net Activity	1,656	10,540
Beginning Balance at May 1	207,655	197,115
Ending Balance at April 30	\$ 209,311	\$ 207,655
Total Endowment Fund Value		
Endowed Portion	\$ 204,657	\$ 195,338
Spendable Portion	4,654	12,317
Total Fund Value	\$ 209,311	\$ 207,655
 Estimated Spending Allocation for 2019-20	 \$ 7,483	

IMPACT OF YOUR INVESTMENT

Thank you for your incredible support. Our university community truly values your contributions.

It's donors like you—who believe in the benefits of education and research, and who generously support students—that strengthen the University of Saskatchewan, and also our province, country and world.

The recipients of the Ore Gangue Alumni Bursary Fund, who each received \$1,500, were:

Katrianna Klymyshyn	Mikhail Chutskoff	Jeffery Balas	Talissa Louie	Bryce Marinus
Rebecca Kupchinski	Simranjit Kharal	Lyndsay Hauber	Drake Meili	Joshua Spanier

Bryce Marinus, from Comox, BC, completed his final year in geology in the College of Arts and Science and graduated in June 2019. Bryce has the following message to share with you.

One of my biggest goals for myself is to become an exploration geologist. I entered geology with the hope of being able to do my work outside whilst travelling all over the world, and geology seemed to be the best option as a career for me. It turned out I have fallen in love with the profession.

Financially this award has had major impacts on me and my family. It allowed me to almost fully pay off one semester of tuition. I am so very thankful that I was awarded this bursary and will do my best to strive for excellence in the industry.

I have spent five years at the University of Saskatchewan and for all of them I played on the men's soccer team for Huskie Athletics. We won the Canada West men's soccer championship in 2014. Also, I was part of the Ore Gangue at the university.

Donors help students who may barely be scratching by financially, and give them a chance to succeed in the classroom and also set them up for the future with their kind donations. Thank you.



Katie Klymyshyn, from Saskatoon, SK, completed her second year in geology in the College of Arts and Science and plans to graduate in June 2021. Katie has the following message to share with you.

I want to become a geologist because I have been a rock nerd since I was a little kid and I love being outside and travelling. Geology fascinates me, because I find it so cool to be able to understand how the earth works and how it came to be the way that it is today. I don't know yet what specific field I would like to go into once I graduate, but I know that I love geology and I'm sure that my specific career goals will become more clear to me as I finish more of my degree.



Receiving this award has not only helped me financially this year, but it has impacted me personally. I find it really touching that the Ore Gangue alumni care so much about the current students at the university. It really made me appreciate how much of a history the Ore Gangue has, and I can only hope that when I'm an alumna I can have this kind of a connection to future students as well! Thank you so much for giving me this bursary, it means a lot!

My interest in geology started when I was just a little kid. My grandparents had a cabin out at Lake Diefenbaker and I remember spending hours walking up and down the shores collecting rocks and fossils. My grandma, who was also a rock collector, taught me how to look for petrified wood, and I have been obsessively collecting it ever since. Looking back, spending that time there with my grandma is what really sparked my interest in geology, and I'm so grateful that she shared her love of rocks with me.

My favourite U of S memory so far was the first beer night the Ore Gangue hosted this year. Due to some complications, we were not allowed to throw any in lounges at the beginning of the year, so this beer night (hosted at the Hose and Hydrant) was our first party of the year. According to the older members on the exec, there is some kind of alleged tradition that the second-year rep on the exec has to wear a Scooby-Doo costume at the first "in lounge" of the year. However, since we weren't sure if we would even have an "in lounge" at all this year, it was determined that the second-year rep would just have to wear it at the bar instead. This year I was the second-year rep on the executive, so that meant I was forced to wear it all night and apparently, I'm the only one who ever wore it in public! It was a crazy fun night and I kept getting asked by random patrons of the bar why I was wearing a costume, and I would just have to tell them it's an Ore Gangue thing! It was a night I will never forget because I was still new to the Ore Gangue, but that was when I realized how tight-knit the organization really was, and I can't wait to spend the next few years making memories with these people.

Mikhail Chutskoff, from Kamsack, SK, completed his fifth year in geology/water science in the College of Arts and Science and plans to graduate in October 2019. Mikhail has the following message to share with you.

I have taken a multidisciplinary approach to my geology degree and would love to work in the exploration side of things for petroleum or mineral resources. I recently completed a research project focusing on combining geothermal power production and petroleum extraction. This project ignited a new interest in the field of geothermal.

Overall, I enjoy the outdoors and if I can get a job that allows me to be outside, I'm all for it. I'm quite the adventurer as well, and have a lengthy bucket and travel list. I wish to learn and experience as much as possible before family and settling down becomes my top priority.



I received this bursary just after Christmas and it allowed me to not stress over financial issues that would occur in the New Year. I was able to relax with family and friends with fewer worries about figuring out how to pay tuition in the winter semester.

Some other personal characteristics: I have country roots, was brought up on a grain farm near Togo, SK. I was in charge of communications for the 2018/19 year in Ore Gangue. Even though my name is as Russian as it gets, I'm third-generation Canadian. Some hobbies of mine include big/small game hunting, fishing, snowboarding and farming. I don't consider myself a rock jock, but I do like solving the stories behind them and the economics of resources.

Donors make a difference by giving hope. To receive a bursary from a complete stranger is reassuring that I am on the right track and someone has faith in my career choice. By uplifting the recipients' spirits, donors are empowering the next work/researching generation.

I can't express enough thanks for this award. I hope someday to pass on the favour and benefit to a future Ore Gangue member myself. It is a humbling, proud and crazy family to be a part of, but I have no regrets.

Simran Kharal, from Edmonton, AB, completed his final year in geology in the College of Arts and Science and graduated in June 2019. Simran has the following message to share with you.

My goal is to find employment in exploration geology and work towards my PGeo accreditation.

The impact of this donation was very important. It allowed me the opportunity to be able to help take some of the burden off my family in helping me through my studies. It also helped pay the way to some geological science conferences throughout the year, where I could improve my networking and increase my job possibilities to support my family.

I came to this university after some time at others, and have never experienced such a deep feeling of family and inclusiveness. I have found my way through struggles, personal and academic, while away from my family and my friends to better myself. I could not have done this without the support I received here at the University of Saskatchewan, and certainly not without your support.

My favourite memory here so far is the general sense of care and camaraderie that I have experienced throughout the geology department. I have not had a single interaction with a member of the faculty or staff which left me to think that the individual did not both love their job and sincerely care about the students. Ore Gangue members have become an extension of my family here, something that a quiet homesick kid from Edmonton didn't think would happen.

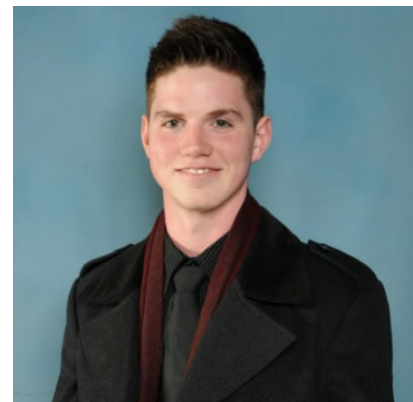
While I may not always agree with how the larger system of university education works, the generosity from donors does not go unnoticed as a genuinely kind and sincere gesture towards making the lives of students a little easier.

I would like to take the time to thank those that contributed to this award. You have not just provided a means to make ends meet, but also alleviated one of the biggest stressors, which allowed me to succeed here at the University of Saskatchewan.

Jeffery (Jeff) Balas, from Lacombe, AB, completed his fourth year in geology and geomatics in the College of Arts and Science and graduated in June 2019. Jeff has the following message to share with you.

My goal is to work in the mineral exploration industry. I would like to find gold deposits in the future and work my way up to upper-level management. I plan to take the online Canadian Securities Course to assist my professional development.

This generous bursary was extremely beneficial. I work every summer to save up money for the upcoming school year and support my family. I took three courses this semester and the bursary funded the majority of my tuition. I am very grateful to be a recipient of this award.



My work experience in the mineral exploration industry first started at a conference in Toronto. I was sitting on a couch waiting for my friend, when a man approached me and asked if I wanted to hear some advice. He told me to never complain while working, because nobody wants to hear a complainer. The conversation continued and naturally I asked him if he had any work for me during the summer. He told me to show up to his office in Whitehorse with two pairs of boots and a pair of coveralls and he would give me work. I asked if I could send him an email or call before coming, and he said, "Nope, just show up and we will give you work." I was very skeptical to go, but I also understood that this opportunity was very rare. I decided to take the risk and booked a one-way flight to Whitehorse and showed up at his office. He was very surprised to see me and said he didn't think I would show up.

That summer, I worked as a diamond drill helper in multiple remote locations across the Yukon. It turned out to be a very rewarding experience and I had the opportunity to make some very valuable connections in the industry. The work itself was very physically and mentally demanding, but I knew it was worth it in the long run. The next summer I contacted the camp manager for one of the camps I was staying at while I was a diamond drill helper and told them I was looking for work as a geology summer student. They were generous enough to offer me a summer contract as a geotechnical assistant. I was very grateful to have that opportunity, as they would generally hire locals to work for them in Dawson City. Now that I have graduated, I am very excited for what the future has to offer and all of the experiences I will have.

My favourite U of S memory was receiving this bursary! Although the U of S has many great offerings, this one is my favourite and I feel honoured to be chosen for the award, as it is my first and only bursary received during my undergrad.

As a recipient I can genuinely say that this award helps so much with the financial burden associated with being a student. It's hard to keep up with classes, and even harder to make financial ends meet. This award greatly reduces the stress associated with meeting financial demands for university education.

Thank you very much for the donation. I hope that in the future I will be able to give back to students that are in my position right now. I was the vice-president of Ore Gangué for 2018/19 and I will forever be associated with Ore Gangué.