



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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CELEBRATING
OUR
UNDERGRADUATES

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student
excellence +
community
support

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As the Dean of the Werklund School of Education, I wish to congratulate our 2020-21 student award recipients for their outstanding achievements and contributions to both scholarship and to community. While the awards are vast and diverse, there is a common thread that acknowledges students for their commitment, excellence, and impact.

These awards are not an abstract concept about marks, but an indication of one's potential to make a difference, a contribution to creating positive environments for people to flourish. They represent how we are making broader change in our communities and society at large.

This matters.

The disruption to the world by the global pandemic has required each of us to think deeply about what matters in our life, about the exacerbated inequalities that have always been there but are now more pronounced – more visible.

Each of us has choices to make in how we may meet adversity with innovation and discover new avenues of possibility. The students in the following pages are shining exemplars of this and a more hopeful future.

Their potential is made real through collaboration with committed faculty and the generosity of our community: individuals, foundations and agencies who believe in and support the vision and mission of the Werklund School and the University of Calgary. To all of you, we are grateful.

Please join me in congratulating our 2020-21 award recipients.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gereluk'.

Dianne Gereluk, PhD
Professor and Dean, Werklund School of Education

«
Receiving this award has solidified something in me that I have always known was there. I want to be a teacher!

The award has provided me with flexibility and allowed me to take advantage of several Werklund experiential service-learning opportunities outside of our typical classes. Being able to see the world of education through this different lens has helped to establish a strong social justice foundation for me as a future educator.

I hope to work with marginalized youth... I've always loved giving back to the community and can't think of a more impactful way than teaching to support society's youth in developing into our leaders of tomorrow.

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Mark Webster

WERKLUND
 COMMUNITY
 ENGAGED
 LEADERSHIP
 SCHOLARSHIP
 AWARD



Savannah Poirier Hollander

PROGRAM FOR
 UNDERGRADUATE
 RESEARCH
 EXPERIENCE
 (PURE) AWARD



«
The research I was able to conduct because of the PURE award was life changing.

My learning went far beyond my research topic, I learned about what type of educator I want to be and what kind of educator I need to be to best serve my community. I was lucky enough to build relationships with like-minded people and elders that have brought me a great sense of purpose and community.

I hope to teach on one of the surrounding on-reserve schools in Treaty 7 territory, or one of the rural school boards in southern Alberta, and to continue my research into the overlaps between ecology and Indigenous knowledge... I believe non-traditional methods of teaching will speak to students who are usually left behind by our current education system.

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Catherine Huynh

CATHERINE MITCHELL MEMORIAL AWARD + PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (PURE) AWARD



My program at the Werklund School has taught me that education is a rich, dynamic, and ever-growing field.



I feel honoured to be sharing this space with passionate educators who are working to realize the full potential of teaching and the lives of their students.

It is exciting to be able to contribute to such a cause and receiving these awards inspires me to reach further. I am immensely grateful.



Jonah Secreti

PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (PURE) AWARD + TEACHER EDUCATION CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Werklund School's focus on collaboration and collective responsibility inspired my research into citizenship education to inspire the citizens of tomorrow to engage with the world's complex problems.



This alignment allowed me to delve into the different understandings of citizenship education which critically challenged my own beliefs and knowledge of this research area.



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These awards encourage me to continue seeking out diverse experiences that will further my ability to serve students with their best interests at heart.
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The Werklund School of Education has provided many enriching service-learning opportunities to work with children and youth in a variety of learning environments which has expanded my practical knowledge of the wide range of classes and ways in which students may learn.



Robyn Buttigieg

NORREEN BAKER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP + PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (PURE) AWARD



Carmen Drysdale

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN/CALGARY M. JEAN HICKS DEBRUYN SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION



«
My time at Werklund opened doors to meet and collaborate with exceptional peers and professors that I now call friends, to discover aspects of who I am that have become core values in my teaching philosophy and has deepened my love of lifelong learning.
»



Andrew Hicks

JENNIFER & SCOTT WALLACE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



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The Werklund School's vision towards bettering humanity parallels my core values as an educator.

Education serves the common good; as such, I believe that educators have a collective responsibility to create inclusive learning environments where students' diverse abilities and gifts can be celebrated. Above all, I believe that building strong, authentic relationships with students, colleagues, guardians, and communities allows education to thrive within schools.

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EVERY YEAR, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A RANGE OF AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Some of the awards are exclusively available to Werklund School of Education students, while others are open to students campus-wide. On the following pages, we highlight some of the awards made possible by individual donors and community groups.



A.T.J. Cairns Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

Molly Julian
Sophie Pettem-Shand



Alberta Retired Teachers' Association Award

Jenna Spruyt



Allan and Dorothy Durie Memorial Bursary

Jillian Mah



Annette and Ray LaGrange Education Scholarship

Sharla Friesen



Calgary Chamber of Commerce Centennial Scholarship

Erika Born



Calgary Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

Daniel Benavides



Canadian Federation of University Women/Calgary M. Jean Hicks deBruyn Scholarship in Education

Carmen Drysdale



Catherine Mitchell Memorial Award

Catherine Huynh



Clarence Samson Gold Medal in Education

Katherine McCall



Clayton and Linda Woitas Education Scholarship

Sarah Gorrie



Cynthia Prasow Scholarship in Early Childhood Education

Melissa Holloway



Darryl and Peggy Proudfoot Bursary in Education

Amjed Husbana
Gurkaran Sandhu



Denise M. Gerwing Memorial Bursary in Education

Fatima Al Najar



Dr. Andrew L. Doucette Award

Katherine McCall



Dr. Merron Chorny Scholarship

Anastassia Rushford

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My experience as a student at Werklund as well as receiving these awards has profoundly propelled my deep motivation, dedication, and passion toward promoting the wellbeing of children and adolescents.

It has amplified my desire to be a lifelong learner and contribute to the complex and nuanced interaction between education and psychology.

As I develop as a scientist-practitioner, I am passionate about applying a social justice lens to my future practice with diverse as well as marginalized populations. I aim to seize opportunities to enrich my learning and enhance my scope of competency.

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Abdullah Bernier

SSHRC CANADA
GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP -
MASTERS
+
FACULTY OF
GRADUATE
STUDIES MASTERS
SCHOLARSHIP



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Receiving this award provided me with the support and inspiration I needed to move forward in my research.

At each stage of my academic journey, I have felt supported and encouraged by faculty members at the Werklund School.

The research in education for reconciliation that I am doing with the community has implications for how to re-imagine experiences in schools for all students. For me, participating in this work as a learner and a researcher requires deep engagement in the creative process and cultural teachings on the land, and is sustained through strong relationships with people, the more-than-humans, and the land.

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Stephanie Bartlett

SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES
RESEARCH COUNCIL
- DOCTORAL
SCHOLARSHIP



Danae Laut

SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES
RESEARCH COUNCIL
OF CANADA
- DOCTORAL
SCHOLARSHIP



«
Werklund has provided an educational setting that really facilitated my professional growth and my growth as a researcher.

I especially appreciated the emphasis on diversity and social justice... this award has been essential in supporting my research. It means I am able to produce knowledge that will hopefully be of use to families and children living with a parent with PTSD.

I hope, with both the support of my department and this award, that I will be able to make tangible differences in the lives of families that are struggling with significant mental illnesses.

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Eric Ofori-Atta

SSHRC CANADA
GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP -
MASTERS
+
FACULTY OF
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STUDIES MASTERS
SCHOLARSHIP



«
I had an eclectic educational background before coming to Werklund, ...I knew there was a purpose to all that I had studied but it was difficult to place my finger on it.

Being at Werklund has pulled together my previous learning and helped me to understand that education is principally about being a witness - knowing and paying attention to what is going on in the community so one can help others realize this awareness.

Academics are not just people who spend time talking about social issues but can and are actively involved in doing something about those issues. In particular, the recognition given to race and racism in my own field of adult education is a very welcome development.

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My research explores the complex practices of facilitators at Telus SPARK.

The ways in which both staff and parents interact with children can centre the child's desires and goals at an exhibit, whether it's by providing a quick explanation or excitedly commenting on what they have created together.

This work breaks down the binary of child-centred vs. adult-centred learning in museum spaces and acknowledges the daily labour of museum facilitators, which is impacted by their professional identities, disciplinary understandings, and institutional constraints. Highlighting this labour is essential in future design research collaborations for innovative exhibits and educational programming.



Stephanie Hladik

SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES
RESEARCH COUNCIL
- DOCTORAL
SCHOLARSHIP



Jennifer MacDonald

DEAN'S DOCTORAL
SCHOLARSHIP

+

DR. BONNIE
L. SHAPIRO
DISTINGUISHED
FACULTY
ACHIEVEMENT
GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP

+

EVELINA ORTEZA
MIRANDA GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP IN
EDUCATION



Studying at the Werklund School has provided me with opportunities and supports that helped me to nuance my understandings of the world.

From teaching and research opportunities, to participating in course seminars, I have engaged with rich pedagogies that illuminated multiple perspectives.

My research is committed to ethical relations between human and earth communities. At a time of ecological crisis, it is imperative that bettering humanity includes recognizing all that sustains life in our daily experiences. The focus of my interdisciplinary work intertwines most of the core values at Werklund. Specifically, my work believes strongly in the diversity of perspective—multiple ways of knowing the world—and negotiating understandings in dialogue.



Vanessa Vegter

SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES
RESEARCH COUNCIL
- DOCTORAL
SCHOLARSHIP



«
As a graduate student, the Werklund School has profoundly shaped my identity, not only as an emerging counselling professional, but also at a personal level.

I credit my time as a graduate student for catalyzing some of my most formative experiences, realizations, and connections.

Receiving an academic award serves as a revitalizing reminder that the work we are doing matters and is recognized by others.

In Werklund, I recognized an opportunity to join my visions for social justice with my training in psychology. I continue to be inspired by countless colleagues, peers, and mentors and the opportunities to join them in meaningful contributions to society.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HAVE A SOLID REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY.

Each year, in highly-competitive application processes, students vie for a range of scholarships, fellowships and awards, spanning the disciplines for which the Werklund School has developed recognized expertise. The following is a list of the best and brightest students chosen in the 2020-21 year to benefit from named awards, many exclusive to Werklund School graduate students.



Anita K. F. Li Graduate Scholarship

Daniele Doucet



Annette LaGrange Graduate Scholarship

Ali Abidi



Bernice Gibb Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Language and Literacy Education

Harrison Campbell



Canadian Association for Teacher Education (CATE) 2020 Dissertation Award

Sandra Becker

Kirk Linton

Verena Roberts



Christiane Adèle Roy Scholarship

Carmen Guenther



Dean's Doctoral Scholarship

Daniele Doucet

Jennifer MacDonald



Denise H.S. Owen Scholarship

Liza Hartling



Donna B. Rediger Graduate Scholarship in Education

Brian Gilbert



Dr. Bonnie L. Shapiro Distinguished Faculty Achievement Graduate Scholarship

Jennifer MacDonald



Dr. Michael C. Pyryt Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Meghan Ingstrup



E. Lisa Panayotidis Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Interdisciplinary Educational Research

Taryn Fritz



Ethel King-Shaw Doctoral Scholarship in Literacy

Stacey Hanzel



Evelina Orteza Miranda Graduate Scholarship in Education

Jennifer MacDonald



Eyes High International Doctoral Scholarship

Muhammad Arshad



Faculty of Graduate Studies Doctoral Scholarship

Isabel Brun

Ling Lei

**Faculty of Graduate Studies Masters Scholarship**

Abdullah Bernier
Dominique Bonneville
Sepidar Yeganeh Farid
Brian Gilbert
Andrea Herzog
Courtney Miller
Eric Ofori-Atta
Helen Pethrick
Lindsay Warner
Sarah Ruth Williams

**Helen McWilliam Memorial Scholarship**

Richard Besney

**Hopewell Graduate Scholarship in Language and Literacy**

Ali Abidi

**ii'taa'poh'to'p Graduate Scholarship**

Kori Czuy
Jennifer Markides
James Shawana

**Joe Woodsworth Memorial Scholarship**

Claire McGuinness

**Martha Whitney Langford Memorial Graduate Scholarship**

Shaily Bhola

**Mitacs-Accelerate Graduate Research Internship Program**

Tian Lei
Georgina Moody
Tiadora Nienhuysen
Patricia Petti
Bernice Rundle-Hotomani
Charity Sanderson
Tishina Shannacappo
Sara Spence
Lisa Stevenson
Candace Wilson

**OER Research Fellowship**

Nicole Neutzling

**Pat Clifford Award for Early Career Education Research**

Jennifer Plosz

**Richard Hirabayashi Graduate Scholarship**

Sulyn Bodnaresko

**Robert M.S. Owen Award**

Lisa Bradshaw

**Sharon Aikenhead Waugh Memorial Scholarship**

Danni Chen

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada – Doctoral Scholarship**

Jessica Baraskewich
Stephanie Bartlett
Kate Beamer
Tiffany Beks
Jana Boschee
Victoria Bouvier
Alysha Chan Kent
Christina Gray
Kelsey Gould
Stephanie Hladik
Franziska Kintzel
Ashlee Kitchenham
Danae Laut
Danielle Lefebvre
Elizabeth McNeilly
Victoria Nieborowska
Christopher Ostrowdun
Brit Paris
Alissa Priolo
Victoria Purcell
Stefan Roths Schuh
Taylor Schembri-Mutch
Rebecca Stares
Vanessa Vegter
Alyssa West
Emily Williams

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Canada Graduate Scholarships Program (CGS) - Master's Competition**

Abdullah Bernier
Dominique Bonneville
Sepidar Yeganeh Farid
Chantal Fillion
Brian Gilbert
Andrea Herzog
Courtney Miller
Eric Ofori-Atta
Helen Pethrick
Lindsay Warner
Sarah Ruth Williams

**Ves Thomas Memorial Scholarship**

Michelle Bence
Mathezer

**W.R. Unruh Scholarship**

Melissa Glazer
Michelle Bence
Mathezer

**Werklund Doctoral Scholarship**

Harrison Campbell
Kelsey Friesen

**Werklund School of Education Endowment Graduate Scholarship**

Shawna Gray

our vision

VISION

Advancing education and psychology for the betterment of humanity, locally and globally.

MISSION

Offering high-quality academic programs and meaningful research across a lifespan together in communities.

CORE VALUES

Diversity, equity and inclusion

Collaboration and collective responsibility

Innovation and creativity

Personal wellness and collective well-being

Sustainability and social justice

STRATEGY

Guided by research and through purposeful collaborations, we will influence and advance education policy and practice.



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difference to our students + ultimately
to our community

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to our students

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