

New CN scholarship for MSU students choosing Canadian studies

Michigan State University has announced a new undergraduate scholarship program for students who include the study of the U.S. and Canada connection in their studies.

CN (Canadian National Railway Company) has provided the funding for the scholarship program to MSU's Canadian Studies Center, who will award up to ten \$1,000 scholarships each year for the next five years. CN has committed the funds to encourage young professionals to learn about Canada, which includes its contributions and impact in North America and around the world.

"Many MSU students are studying topics of special importance to the U.S. and Canada working relationship, including trade and transportation, climate change, and food production," said Annmarie Schneider, director of the Canadian Studies Center. Employers, including CN, believe students with a background in international studies offer added benefit, claiming that few areas of work are untouched by international issues."

The global economy has touched every academic discipline including: business, law, medicine, engineering, agriculture, natural's resources and social sciences. To deepen student's global literacy and understanding, MSU faculty members have infused globally-relevant content into their teaching. This campus-wide effort has produced a variety of courses that fit within every student's degree program.

About CN

CN has a major presence in Michigan. As a leader in the North America rail industry, the company maintains 925 route miles in 88 Michigan communities and employs 1,229 Michigan residents. CN also serves several major Michigan-based businesses including those in the automotive, manufacturing, and energy sectors.

"CN's generous gift recognizes the value of an education that includes an international perspective, a perspective that can have a positive impact on the State of Michigan and its economy," said Jeffrey Riedinger, Dean of International Studies and Programs.

In addition to this scholarship program, CN also sponsors an annual CN Forum at MSU. The CN Forum brings together students, researchers and community leaders around contemporary issues that impact academics, policy, and business within the United States and Canada. More about CN may be found at www.cn.ca

The Application

To apply for the CN scholarship students must be:

- in good academic standing with at least a 3.0 GPA
- entering their sophomore or junior year of undergraduate study in areas of health, science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) fields
- available to visit Canada during a Study Abroad or internship experience approved by the Canadian Studies Center.

Applicants must submit a class transcript and a 500 to 700 word essay that provides the candidate's ideas on how they might apply their studies to further understanding the U.S. and Canada connection. A pool of applicants will be selected for follow up interviews. Completed applications must be submitted to the Canadian Studies Center on or before May 14, 2010. The Canadian Studies Center is located at 306 International Center, Michigan State University, and East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Recipients will be announced prior to the beginning of the 2010 fall semester. Awards will be credited during the tuition payment process. Updates on the scholarship awards will be posted on the Canadian Studies Center website:

www.isp.msu.edu/canadianstudies

Questions may be directed to the Canadian Studies Center at CanadianStudiesCenter@isp.msu.edu or (517) 353-9349.