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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY THAT 45 SCHOLARSHIPS, SHORT-TERM BURSARIES AND ASSISTANTSHIPS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THIS YEAR BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO CANADIANS. THIS IS THE 12TH YEAR IN WHICH FRENCH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO CANADIANS AND BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS DISTRIBUTED SINCE 1945 TO APPROXIMATELY 800.

INSTEAD OF DIRECT AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS, THESE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE INTERESTED CANADIAN INSTITUTIONS: UNIVERSITIES, CONSERVATORIES, ART SCHOOLS, THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD AND OTHERS. IN TURN, THESE INSTITUTIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CULTURAL SERVICES OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN OTTAWA, HAVE SELECTED THE WINNING CANDIDATES. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT INITIATED ITS CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP PLAN IN 1945 WITH THE PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS, WHO WERE THEN IN FRANCE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBERATION OF THAT COUNTRY.

THIS YEAR 25 SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED, AS WELL AS 11 SHORT-TERM BURSARIES AND NINE ASSISTANTSHIPS. THE BURSARIES ARE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER ONLY, AND ANOTHER EIGHT OR 10 WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER ON FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER.