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## GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AWARDS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that an agreement has been signed with the World University Service of Canada (W.U.S.C.) to administer for the Department of External Affairs the Government of Canada Awards Programme.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Department of External Affairs offers approximately 150 annual awards (graduate scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships) to nationals of eighteen countries. The countries concerned are Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France (scholarships only), Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

Responsibility for administration of the Awards Programme since its inception in 1964, rested with the Canada Council and, in recent years, with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (S.S.H.R.C.). In December 1979 the S.S.H.R.C. informed the Department of External Affairs of its decision to give up the administration of the programme. Proposals to replace the S.S.H.R.C. were received from three Canadian non-profit organizations. On the basis of the evaluation of the proposals by the Department of External Affairs and its Advisory Committee on Academic Relations, the proposals from W.U.S.C. have been accepted.

The Awards are offered to graduates of high academic standing and are tenable only in Canada. Proposed programmes of study and research must bear on a Canadian subject or be in a field where Canada has special experience or in which Canadian expertise is widely recognized. Included in the programme are all areas of the arts and humanities, the social, physical and biological sciences and engineering.

Scholarships are for persons who wish to undertake a master's or doctoral programme at a Canadian university, or are enrolled in a master's or doctoral programme at a university in their home country and wish to carry out part of their research in Canada. Fellowships are for persons who wish to conduct post-doctoral research in Canada.

Most of the countries to which Canada offers these awards have similar programmes for Canadians. Information about these foreign awards may be obtained from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, K1P 5N1, except in the cases of Brazil, Italy, Japan and Sweden whose Embassies in Ottawa are the channels.

Further information on the Government of Canada Awards programme may be obtained from the World University Service of Canada, 1404 Scott Street, P.O. Box 3000, Station "C", Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 4M8, or the Academic relations Division, Department of External Affairs ((613)-593-6009).