

## \$200,000 IN PRIZES AWARDED TO STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

*The Government of Canada History Awards honour  
192 high school and university students*



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**OTTAWA, March 13, 2018** – A total of 192 students from across the country are sharing a total of \$200,000 in prizes presented as part of the 2017 Government of Canada History Awards. Presented for the fourth consecutive year, the awards honour the exceptional work of **university students** studying history (for the significance of their research in Canadian history) or education (for the originality of an activity for teaching Canadian history). The awards also recognize the work of **high school students** (in grades 10, 11 and 12/ Secondary 4, 5 and Cégep) who, through their writing, have shown an interest in great moments in Canadian history. In all, more than 800 student submissions were received from across the country. The complete list of winners appears below.

“I would like to congratulate the recipients of this year’s Government of Canada History Awards and thank everyone who took part,” said the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage. “Our government is committed to encouraging Canadians—especially young people—to learn more about our country’s rich history. We are proud to support the excellent work of Canada’s History Society through the Canada History Fund.”

### **Category: Universities**

In the University category, the 2017 Government of Canada History Awards honours 20 students who each receive a **\$2,000 prize**—divided between partners for team submissions. Masters students were required to submit an original essay on Canadian history relating to their program or field of research. Education students had to propose an original activity focused on the teaching of Canadian history. The submissions—a maximum of 2,000 words in length—were reviewed based on the following criteria: quality of writing, historical thinking, innovation, and indigenous and diverse perspectives. The winners were selected by an independent jury made up of history educators.

**Category: High Schools**

In the High Schools (and Cégep) category, the 2017 Government of Canada History Awards go to 172 students who each receive a **\$1,000 prize**—divided between partners for team submissions. Students were required to submit an original piece of writing of no more than 1,000 words in length in the form of a historical essay, a historical work of fiction, or digital content. The submissions had to address one of the following topics: reconciliation with indigenous peoples, the First World War, Expo 67, Canadian identity, or the development of a new national historic site. Submissions were also required to demonstrate original research, historical analysis, a good knowledge of the subject matter, and critical thinking skills. The winners were selected by an independent jury made up of history educators.

**About the Government of Canada History Awards**

The Government of Canada History Awards were created in 2013. Their goal is to connect youth to their history by honouring the work of outstanding students who show an interest in great moments in Canadian history. The awards are administered by Canada's History.

**About Canada's History**

Canada's History is a national charitable organization whose mission is to promote greater popular interest in Canadian history, principally through its publishing, education, and recognition programs. In addition to administering the Government of Canada History Awards and publishing *Canada's History* magazine and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids*, Canada's History produces a number of educational programs to further encourage the exploration and understanding of our shared culture and history.

**For more information on the winners, see [historyawards.ca](http://historyawards.ca)**

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**The Government of Canada History Awards****Category : Universities****20 recipients**

<b>Ontario (10)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>University</b>
Valeria Mantilla Morales	Toronto	University of Toronto
Rebecca Kennedy	Toronto	University of Toronto
Desaree Rosskopf	London	Western University
Jackson Pind	Kingston	Queen's University
Geneviève Richer and Vincent Bergeron	Ottawa	Université d'Ottawa
Amy McBride	Guelph	University of Guelph
Lisa Tubb	Guelph	University of Waterloo
Kylie Burchat	Waterloo	Wilfrid Laurier University
Sara Karn	Waterloo	Wilfrid Laurier University

<b>British Columbia (4)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>University</b>
Rebecca Weiss	Nanaimo	Vancouver Island University
Nicole Currie and Kaja Miernik	Nanaimo	Vancouver Island University
Diana Pawson	Nanaimo	Vancouver Island University

<b>Quebec (3)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>University</b>
Gabrielle Machnik-Kekesi	Montreal	Concordia University
Catherine Paulin	Montreal	Université de Montréal
Caroline Desruisseaux	Sherbrooke	Université de Sherbrooke

<b>Alberta (3)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>University</b>
Letitia Johnson	Edmonton	University of Alberta
Danica Renke	Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge
Ashley Henrickson	Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge

**Government of Canada History Awards**  
**Category : High Schools and Cégep**  
**172 recipients**

<b>Ontario (79)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Allen Lu	Toronto	A. Y. Jackson Secondary School
Adam Glustein	Toronto	Northern Secondary School
Kate Lehner	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Madelaine Andrews Paterson	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Jiyoon Lee	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Sofia Tosello	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Ella Nugent	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Maxwell Hemans	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Meg Torisawa	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Jayden Shnier	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Ella Brenton	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Sara Cole	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Jenna Wu	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Sarah Chiodo	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Carrie Hu	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Emily Hu	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Samantha Chan	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Quynn Campbell	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School

Chiara Barsanti	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Kate Rodrigues	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Mary Campbell	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Bernice Leung	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Sofia Da Silva	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Beth Gouda	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Faye Romanin	Toronto	The Bishop Strachan School
Hayden Kwon	Toronto	Ursula Franklin Academy
Paul Meler	Toronto	Ursula Franklin Academy
Julian Tabbitt	Toronto	Ursula Franklin Academy
Amelia Williams	Toronto	Ursula Franklin Academy
Kristina Lotito	Toronto	Ursula Franklin Academy
Keiran Pace	Toronto	Ursula Franklin Academy
Andy Pham	Toronto	William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute
Émerick Deschênes	Ottawa	École Secondaire Catholique Béatrice Desloges
Madeleine de Salaberry	Ottawa	École secondaire publique De La Salle
Samuel Tremblay	Ottawa	École secondaire publique De La Salle
Pascale Couturier-Rose	Ottawa	École secondaire publique De La Salle
Megan Horsthuis and Miriam Valois	Ottawa	Lycée Claudel
Reem Al-Ameri	Ottawa	Lycée Claudel
Amina Sanogo	Ottawa	Lycée Claudel
Jocelyn Stel	Burlington	Assumption Catholic Secondary School
Akhil Yerubandi	Burlington	Robert Bateman High School
Doris Zhou and Albert Zhu	Richmond Hill	Bayview Secondary School
Nazanin Soghrati	Richmond Hill	Bayview Secondary School
Tianshi Yuan	Richmond Hill	École secondaire catholique Renaissance
Victoria McMahon	Barrie	Bear Creek Secondary School

Lauren MacDonald	Markham	Bill Crothers Secondary School
Savannah Skeete	Markham	Bill Crothers Secondary School
Damien Ho	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Arthur Chen	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Michael Wilson	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Mishaal Lakhani	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Cheryl Cheung	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Robert Cai	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Helen Wong	Markham	Markville Secondary School
Alexandra Cooper	Sutton West	Bill Crothers Secondary School
Veronica Nelson	Gores Landing	Cobourg Collegiate Institute
Olivia Fawcett	Orleans	École secondaire publique Gisèle Lalonde
Brooke Lawrie	Erin	Erin District High School
Ahmed Abbas	Mississauga	Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School
Natalie Hall	Mississauga	St.Paul Secondary School
Isaac Caldwell	Mississauga	St.Paul Secondary School
Nikha Jinosh	Mississauga	St.Paul Secondary School
Catey Fifield	Oshawa	Maxwell Heights Secondary School
Molly Shillabeer	Oshawa	Maxwell Heights Secondary School
Callie Giffin	London	Oakridge Secondary School
Amir Al-Bayati	London	Oakridge Secondary School
Taha Twakkal and Billal Rahman	London	Oakridge Secondary School
Clayton Thornburrow	London	Oakridge Secondary School
Cassandra Bullick	London	Oakridge Secondary School
Eastyn Klages	Chatsworth	Owen Sound District Secondary School
Sebastian McPherson	Hamilton	Sherwood Secondary School
Kate Calhoun	Stittsville	South Carleton High School
Ainsley Ault	Thamesford	Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute

Madison Tait	Carlisle	Waterdown District High School
Emaan Qureshi	Waterdown	Waterdown District High School
Kyle Leamen	Waterdown	Waterdown District High School

<b>British Columbia (43)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Joshua Li	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Shanti Cordoni-Jordan	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Nicholas Chan	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Justin Tung	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Lilian Cormier-Stumpf	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Hannah Mitchell	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Goldman Lam	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Wells Suen	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Michelle Xie	Vancouver	Ideal Mini Secondary School
Duncan Bain	Vancouver	Prince of Wales Secondary
Kathy Liu	Vancouver	Prince of Wales Secondary
Yan Qu	Vancouver	Prince of Wales Secondary
Nathan Eraut	Vancouver	Prince of Wales Secondary
Kaitlyn Lee	Vancouver	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Vivian Wang, Christina Lin and Bin Wang	Vancouver	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Grady Thompson	Vancouver	UBC Transitions Program
Wilson Cao	Vancouver	University Transition Program
Jessie Chai	Vancouver	University Transition Program
Alice Yang	Vancouver	West Point Grey Academy
Kyle Velarde	Vancouver	Windermere Secondary
Zaynab Baksh	Surrey	Frank Hurt Secondary School
Maxine Neumann	Burnaby	Moscrop Secondary School

Baapooh Chung	Burnaby	University Transition Program
Cindy Zhang	Coquitlam	Port Moody Secondary School
Lucas Singer-Kraus	Kelowna	École De L'Anse-Au-Sable
Madeline Bishop	Kelowna	Studio9 Independent School of the Arts
Katrina Billinton	West Kelowna	Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Katya Torin	West Kelowna	Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Henry Waatainen	Nanaimo	Dover Bay Secondary
Lachlan Stewart	Victoria	École Victor-Brodeur
Isabelle Yousaf-Begi	Victoria	École Victor-Brodeur
Dylan Régnier	Sidney	École Victor-Brodeur
Émilie Gosselin	Victoria	École Victor-Brodeur
Julie Beaucauge	Victoria	École Victor-Brodeur
Cole Demski-Jones	Victoria	Prince of Wales Secondary
Kaitlyn Mingo	Victoria	St. Margaret's
Hallie Bryant	Shawnigan Lake	Shawnigan Lake School
Moyra McHugh	Shawnigan Lake	Shawnigan Lake School
Melanie Bristoll	Shawnigan Lake	Shawnigan Lake School
Daniel Kong	Richmond	University Transition Program
Yi Xin Cui	Langley	Langley Fine Arts School

<b>Quebec (20)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Bernadette Veilleux-Trinh	Montreal	Polyvalente Édouard-Montpetit
Massimo Di Lullo	Montreal	Vincent Massey Collegiate
Sarah Fragman	Montreal	Vincent Massey Collegiate
Korrina Tomassi	Laval	Regina Assumpta
Julianna Lévesque	Brossard	Centennial Regional High School
Julia-Rose Linardatos	Brossard	Centennial Regional High School
Erica Chan	Brossard	Centennial Regional High School



Renée Duffy	Brossard	Centennial Regional High School
Kelly Tam and Katrien Gils	Brossard	Centennial Regional High School
Jenna Nadeau	Quebec	Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery
Alice Blandin-Taris	Quebec	Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery
Simone Têtu	Quebec	Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery
Marion Couture-Trudel	Quebec	Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery
Léa Bouchard	Quebec	Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery
Damien Pilon	Gatineau	École secondaire de l'île
Oualid Saidi and Maxime Cordier	Gatineau	Lycée Claudel (Ottawa)
Eliane Defoy and Rosalie Morin	Saints-Michel-Des-Saints	École secondaire Des-Montagnes

<b>Manitoba (16)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Natalya Bailey	Winnipeg	Grant Park High School
Katie Delay	Winnipeg	Grant Park High School
Julie Van	Winnipeg	Grant Park High School
Shae Newman-Macksey	Winnipeg	Grant Park High School
Sunny Enkin Lewis	Winnipeg	Grant Park High School
Alison Wong	Winnipeg	Grant Park High School
Toby Szkop	Winnipeg	Gray Academy of Jewish Education
Evelin Melekh	Winnipeg	Gray Academy of Jewish Education
Althea Pacia	Winnipeg	Maples MET
Lander Vitug	Winnipeg	Maples MET
Shubhneet Thind	Winnipeg	Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Niv Lopez	Winnipeg	Sisler High School
Mariella Cianflone	Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg Collegiate
Joshua Thatcher	Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg Collegiate
Noah Park	Selkirk	Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School

Annika Loeppky	Selkirk	Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School
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<b>Alberta (8)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Naira Bahrami	Calgary	Nelson Mandela High School
Simran Sallan	Calgary	Nelson Mandela High School
Mariam Mahboob	Calgary	Nelson Mandela High School
RunLin Wang	Calgary	Sir Winston Churchill High School
Mitali Pradhan	Calgary	Sir Winston Churchill High School
Fatima Mir Baloch	Calgary	Western Canada High School
Bethany Snaterse	Edmonton	Edmonton Christian High School
Mireille Belzile	Peace River	École des Quatre-Vents

<b>Nova Scotia (2)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Brianna Green	Antigonish	Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School
Kara Christensen	Antigonish	Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School

<b>Saskatchewan (2)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Adam LaBrash	Saskatoon	Walter Murray Collegiate
Alanna Kotylak	Montmartre	Montmartre School

<b>Newfoundland and Labrador (1)</b>		
<b>Student</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
Mason Kearley	Coley's Point South	Ascension Collegiate

Yukon Territory (1)		
Student	City	School
Sasha Emery	Whitehorse	F.H. Collins Secondary School