

The Robert B. Caton Scholarship
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Subject: Robert Caton Scholarship (2007)

Dear Francis:

I have been asked by the Robert Caton Scholarship Selection Committee to inform you that you were one of our top three applicants not selected as this year's recipient of the Robert Caton Scholarship. However, this year, we have been able to reward our top four candidates and provide you with a \$1,000.00 scholarship award.

These additional scholarships have been made available this year through the BC Ministry of Environment, Environmental Quality Branch, Clean Air Research Funding Program to support studies in air quality and human health effects in the province. As well as recognising Dr. Caton's contribution to the field, the awards are also intended to reflect the work done by Dr. David Bates and others who have pioneered in the field of air quality and human health effects. David Bates passed away in 2007 and his contributions were recognized around the world. Dr. Bates, also formerly Dean of Medicine at UBC, chaired this committee through 2006.

Thank you for your thoughtful and worthy application for the Robert Caton Scholarship. The awards committee, which includes several close friends of Dr. Caton and Dr. Bates, was very pleased with the high quality of your application and the degree of your commitment to excellence and environmental protection. The areas of your academic studies reflect the high technical achievement and personal goals that Bob and David supported throughout their lives and we hope that this award in some way contributes to the achievement of your own academic and personal goals.

All of the members of the committee would like to pass on to you their best wishes for your present and future success.

Yours truly,



For the Robert B. Caton Scholarship Selection Committee

