

Scholarships

The Provincial Government has established two scholarships through the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture's Sustainable Fisheries and Oceans Policy Division.

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Fisheries Scholarship

This scholarship is valued at \$1,000 for students graduating high school and pursuing post-secondary education. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship must submit a 2,500 word essay describing what he or she feels is the biggest issue facing the province's fishing industry and provide suggestions on how that issue would be best addressed. Students must also demonstrate strong academic standing and participation in extracurricular activities. The scholarship provides assistance with the costs of pursuing higher education and was created to encourage youth to become interested in the provincial fishery.

Dr. Wilfred Templeman Memorial Scholarship

The Provincial Government created this award in honour of Dr. Wilfred Templeman, a pioneer of fisheries research in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL). This scholarship is available to full-time students pursuing a graduate program at Memorial University of Newfoundland, in which groundfish research is the main focus. Successful applicants will receive \$2,500 per year for a maximum of two years to support research in a graduate degree program appropriately related to the stated goals of the scholarship. The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture's total contribution to the scholarship program will be \$25,000 to be paid over a six-year period to five graduate students.

2012 Scholarship Winners

In 2011, Alejandro Buren was selected as the third winner of the Dr. Wilfred Templeman Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Buren is a PhD candidate on Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology working to elucidate if harp seals are playing a role in the non-recovery of the northern cod stock. A recipient for the Templeman Scholarship has not been yet selected for 2012/2013.



Photo: The Honourable Clyde Jackman, representing the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Mr. Alejandro Buren and Dr. Gary Kachanoski president and vice-chancellor of Memorial University.

The winner of the 2012 Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Scholarship was Brandon Fitzpatrick. Brandon's essay addressed fisheries diversification as one possible solution to the challenges facing the Newfoundland and Labrador fishing industry. Brandon is pursuing studies at Memorial University.



Photo: The Honourable Derrick Dalley, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Mr. Brandon Fitzpatrick.