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Desjardins Foundation strengthens its commitment to students

More scholarships in 2014, totalling more than \$1.2 million

Montreal, January 14, 2014 – From January 15 to March 17, 2014, Desjardins Foundation will be accepting applications from full-time students in Quebec and Ontario for its 600 scholarships. This year, [Desjardins Foundation](#) will be providing more than \$1.2 million in scholarships, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The Foundation has scholarships open to all fields of study at the vocational, college and university levels. Some of the scholarships specifically target students in finance, cooperation and democratic life, as well as students with permanent resident status. Also, in partnership with Desjardins Financial Security and Desjardins General Insurance, the Foundation provides scholarships in actuarial science, geriatrics, gerontology and mental health.

To apply for a scholarship, [click here](#).

About Desjardins Foundation

In Quebec, Desjardins Foundation is well known for distributing more university bursaries than any other charitable organization. It encourages research, training, skills development and employability, and develops programmes to reduce drop-out rates. As a component of Desjardins Group, the leading cooperative financial group in Canada, Fondation Desjardins has awarded more than \$15 million to 10,000 recipients in Quebec and Ontario since its inception some 40 years ago. In addition to its scholarship and bursary programs, Fondation Desjardins manages philanthropic partnerships, including major financing campaigns for university and hospital foundations. It also recognizes the community involvement and volunteer work of its officers, employees and members—in all Quebec regions.

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