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Petroleum Technology Research Centre Donates \$125,000 to Graduate Scholarships at the University of Regina

The Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC) is pleased to announce that it has donated \$125,000 to the University of Regina to establish a new scholarship for graduate students in Petroleum Systems Engineering.

Graduate students who have completed a Bachelor of Applied Science at either the University of Regina or a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan and are beginning a graduate program in Petroleum Systems Engineering at the University of Regina are eligible to apply.

“Last year the PTRC celebrated its tenth year,” says Dr. Carolyn Preston, executive director of the PTRC, “and one of our main focuses is on increasing the capacity for leading-edge scientific research in petroleum that will both increase production from Saskatchewan’s plentiful but often difficult to access reserves, and also improve the environmental impacts of development.”

“We’ve created the Petroleum Technology Research Centre’s 10th Anniversary Graduate Student Scholarship to assist the best and brightest of Saskatchewan’s home-grown graduate students pursue a Master’s or Doctoral program in Petroleum Systems Engineering at the University of Regina.”

Dr. Rod Kelln, dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, says donations to create scholarships help the University attract and retain top-calibre students. “Through its generous gift, PTRC is encouraging students to seek a higher level of education in the petroleum systems engineering field, further expanding the skills and experience that they will need to meet the ever-increasing demands for advanced technology in the oil and gas sector.”

The PTRC is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1998 by the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with the University of Regina and the Saskatchewan Research Council. It conducts research and development that helps the petroleum industry implement sustainable technologies to minimize environmental impacts while improving recovery rates. It is also a world-leader in CO₂ storage research through its management of the IEA GHG Weyburn-Midale CO₂ Monitoring and Storage Project. The company is managed by a board of directors that is primarily industry-focused and includes representatives from the four founding partners as well as from nine industry sponsors.