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Prestigious Award Goes to Ph.D. Student

WATERLOO, ON, May 1st, 2009 – Ph.D. student, Gina Passante was recently awarded the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada’s (NSERC) Vanier Graduate Scholarship. Valued at $50,000 per year, for up to three years, it is perhaps NSERC’s most prestigious award for doctoral students.

Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (science and technology) announced the 166 recipients at a ceremony held yesterday in Ottawa. “The Government of Canada recognizes the important role that research excellence plays in furthering innovation and competitiveness in addition to stimulating our economy,” said Minister Goodyear. “The recipients of these scholarships are the world’s leading doctoral students and the next generation of researchers, professors and industry leaders who will make considerable economic and social contributions in Canada and abroad. As evidenced through this program, Canada is a magnet for top intellectual talent and a global centre of excellence in university education and research.”

Launched by the Government of Canada, the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) program aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health; as well as leadership skills.

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