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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **2009 IODE WAR MEMORIAL DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP**

PhD Scholarship Awarded to University of Toronto Student

#### **Jessica Rachel Keenan Forrest**

IODE Canada has awarded an IODE War Memorial Doctoral Scholarship to candidate Jessica Rachel Keenan Forrest. IODE initiated this award in 1918 to commemorate Canadians who sacrificed their lives for peace and freedom. Initially, bursaries were granted to children of men and women who lost their lives or were permanently disabled while fighting for Canada. Today, applicants are judged on academic achievement and potential. They must be Canadian citizens and in at least their second year of a doctoral program at a Canadian or Commonwealth University. Scholarships are valued at \$15,000.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, Jessica Rachel Keenan Forrest received a BSC (Agr), McGill University 2002, MSc Queen's University 2005 and is now studying Ecology at the University of Toronto, which has a strong international reputation in North America in this field. Her research focuses on alpine ecosystems, using long term data on flowing patterns, computer simulations, laboratory experiments and field studies in the Rockies, to understand the nature of climate change on pollination, especially bees.

Ms. Forrest has won several prestigious awards, including several Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Awards (NSERC), a Doctoral Research Scholarship (FQRNT) and the A. Murray Fallis Graduate Award (Zoology). She is first author and co-author of numerous refereed and non-refereed publications, as well as two peer-reviewed publications and one article in the Killarney Park newsletter.

She has acted as chair and member of UTBEAT (University of Toronto Biology and Environmental Action Team) current projects, aimed at paper reduction and energy conservation at department events. Jessica hopes to make a positive difference in the world by bringing strong attention to environmental issues, by educating students and the general public, by contributing sound research results and expertise to government policy discussions.

IODE Canada is proud to Support Ms. Forrest's dedication to academic excellence with the awarding of a 2009 IODE War Memorial Scholarship.

Founded in 1900, IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for deserving individuals, through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

For a list of past winners or for more information about War Memorial Scholarships, please contact Marie Locke, War Memorial Convenor at 416-487-4416 or visit [www.iode.ca](http://www.iode.ca).

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