Bruce Peel Prize in Historical or Archival Studies

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Award Name	Bruce Peel Prize in Historical or Archival Studies
Deadline	December 31
Value	200 CAD (can vary)
Number	One
Donor	Endowed by donations from family, friends, alumni in honour of the late Bruce Peel, Head Librarian for the University of Alberta from 1955 to 1982, and for whom the University's Special Collections Library is named.

Eligibility

Awarded annually to a current student in the Master of Library and Information Studies program who demonstrates academic excellence and professional promise in the History of the Book or Archives Administration courses.

Application

Eligible students will be considered automatically by the Instructor.

More Information

BRUCE BADEN PEEL, 1916-1998

Bruce was born in 1916 in Ferland, Saskatchewan. After an early teaching career, he attended the University of Saskatchewan (BA and MA) and the University of Toronto (BLS 1946). Upon graduation he returned to the University of Saskatchewan. He married Margaret in 1950 and they had two children, Brian and Alison. In 1951 he joined the University of Alberta Library, became Head Librarian in 1955, retired in 1982, and died in 1998.

He was always active in library associations. His many positions included president of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) in 1965-66 and president of the Canadian Library Association in 1969-70. In 1964 he served on a committee considering the

establishment of a prairie library school, and was instrumental in the decision to locate the School of Library Science at the University of Alberta. He served on the School's Admissions committee for a number of years and was always considered a good friend to the School.

Bruce Peel devoted his life to producing, collecting, housing, organizing and describing the printed word. He will be remembered for his Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces (the Peel Bibliography). The many honors received for his life work include the Marie Tremaine Medal for outstanding service to bibliography in Canada, the CLA's Outstanding Service to Librarianship award, the naming of the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library, and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Alberta upon the School's nomination.