



The APGO Education Foundation (“Ed Fdn”) is a new charitable Foundation for the geosciences. Its mission is to provide financial and other support to:

- Promote a greater public understanding of geoscience;
- Support the individuals who study geoscience; and
- Support the practice of professional geoscience.

Founded by Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Ge, APGO’s first president, the Ed Fdn will be launching a Scholarship and Bursary program in early 2016. Scholarships will support post-secondary students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a geoscience study program at an Ontario university. Bursaries will support immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as a professional geoscientist in Ontario.

To promote a greater public understanding of geoscience, the Ed Fdn has partnered with Dr. David Pearson of Laurentian University to develop short snappy geovideos to educate the public on a wide range of important geoscience topics. A prototype geovideo was made in 2015 and more are planned in 2016. The goal is to distribute these on a comprehensive geoscience information website and on social media. Tentative launch date is the end of 2016 – watch for more details on this exciting project in the coming months.

“In 2015 we put all the administrative systems in place with strong support from APGO” said Bill Pearson, Chair, “2016 will be the year that we begin implementing our mandate. Your support is critical to making this happen so please think about a donation to the Ed Fdn - all donations are tax deductible. Your contribution will help to advance our goal to bring a better understanding of geoscience to the public as well as help build the future of our profession.”

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