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University of Guelph to appoint Chair of Scottish Studies

After almost two decades of fundraising led by the Scottish Studies Foundation and Society, the University of Guelph's outgoing President, Dr. Mordechai Rozanski, announced at the 2003 Tartan Day Ball that the University was moving to establish the Chair of Scottish Studies.

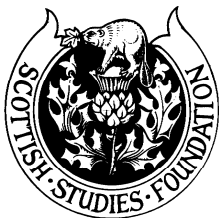
College of Arts Dean Jacqueline Murray, a strong supporter of the initiative, has struck a selection committee and an advertisement for the position has been drafted, approved, and circulated, with a closing date for nominations and applications of December 15.



Scottish Studies Foundation President, David Hunter presents a \$250,000 cheque to University of Guelph's outgoing President, Dr. Mordechai Rozanski. This, along with other major donations, was instrumental in the University's decision to establish the Chair.

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The appointment of the Chair will cap years of effort and generous support from hundreds of Foundation members, corporations, students and others.

In filling the Chair, the University seeks a senior academic who will provide inspired leadership in scholarship and community outreach related to the history and culture of Scotland.

The criteria that the University has set for the position are that the Chair possess a demonstrated record of excellence in research, teaching, and service, work creatively with other members of the Scottish Studies program and to advance more general interest in the subject.

The Selection Committee will also seek evidence of commitment to path breaking research, a strong record of graduate instruction, and a demonstrated ability to work with non-academic communities are prerequisites for the Chair.

The University of Guelph offers an attractive environment for such a scholar, with a Scottish Studies Library and Archival Collection unrivalled outside the United

Kingdom, a strong contingent of graduate scholars with impressive records of achievement, and a tradition of support for partnerships between the Scottish Studies Program and the wider community.

The appointment will be the fourth in the Program, with three members of the History Department already hired in the field of Scottish History.

Members of the Foundation will be invited to attend the public lectures by short-listed candidates for the position. The dates of their visits to campus will be appear in the next issue of the Newsletter and will be posted on the new Scottish Studies website (www.uoguelph.ca/scottish) after December 15.

The faculty, staff and students at Guelph are very grateful indeed for the long-standing support of the Scottish Studies Foundation and Society as well as the Scottish-Canadian community at large whose efforts have helped achieve this ambitious goal.