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## Laurier partners with Daughters for Life Foundation

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will sign a memorandum of understanding with the Daughters for Life Foundation, enabling the university to sponsor two women from the Middle East to study toward undergraduate degrees. Daughters for Life Foundation President Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish and Laurier President and Vice-Chancellor Max Blouw will sign the agreement at an event January 13.

Abuelaish established the Daughters for Life Foundation in memory of three of his daughters, Bessan, 21; Mayar, 15; and Aya, 13 who were killed by an Israeli tank shell during an attack in the Gaza strip in 2009. The Foundation, which honours his daughters' love of learning, is built on the belief that educating young women will build the road to peace in the Middle East. The Daughters for Life Foundation offers awards and scholarships to young women of any Middle Eastern nationality, background or religion to study in Canada, the US and the United Kingdom.

View the full news release from Dec. 22 [here](#).

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Location:** Paul Martin Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University's Waterloo campus

Media interviews: Dr. Abuelaish will be available for interviews with the media, as will Daughters for Life Laurier student co-presidents Annie Serez and Elliot Alder.