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Carly Baxter wins Laurier's NCR Global Diversity Scholarship

20-year-old student from Palgrave receives one of 20 awards offered worldwide

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WATERLOO – A second-year co-op student with the Laurier School of Business and Economics (SBE) has won the University's first NCR Global Diversity Scholarship.

Twenty-year-old Carly Baxter received the scholarship at the annual SBE awards ceremony held earlier this month. Valued at \$5,000 U.S. (\$7,650 CND), the scholarship rewards "high potential, diverse university students with a financial scholarship and co-operative work-term opportunity."

NCR offered 20 of the scholarships worldwide, says Bruce Fraser, human resources consultant with NCR's Financial Solutions Group in Waterloo. The Financial Solutions Group offered two of them; one to a Laurier co-op student because of the University's expertise in Business Administration and Marketing, and another to a McMaster University student because of that school's Engineering and Management program.

Baxter heard about the scholarship on the day she was accepted into co-op and decided to apply. "We had to write an essay on what we hoped to learn by working at NCR," she explains. She will help market NCR products, which include automated banking machines and information technology solutions.

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The scholarship, which is renewable at the same \$5,000 U.S. level in Baxter's third and fourth years, includes two paid work-terms with NCR in Waterloo. Baxter says she is unsure what she wants to do after graduation, but is leaning towards marketing.

The native of Palgrave, Ontario, north of Brampton, is currently director of marketing for PRISM, the student-owned and -operated computer labs and training facility in SBE. She is involved in other campus activities and maintains an A average.

The Global Diversity Scholarship is "currently a one-shot deal," says Fraser, but even if the company decides not to offer them again, Waterloo's Financial Solutions Group "is looking at doing something like this again on our own."

NCR also funds three other scholarships: \$2,500 for a second year student; \$1,250 for a third/fourth year student; and \$1,000 for a second/third year student.