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## Laurier student among first to win Dutch Liberation Scholarship

WATERLOO – Laurier student Jeremy Smith is among the first five recipients to be awarded a Liberation Scholarship from the Netherlands.

The scholarship program, which celebrates the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian forces at the end of the Second World War, was announced in Waterloo Thursday by Their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima as part of an official state visit to Canada.

Smith, who just completed his second year in undergraduate Arts at Laurier’s Waterloo campus, will use the scholarship to study at Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands for the coming academic year. The scholarship covers travel and tuition, and includes other support while studying in the Netherlands.

“It was an amazing surprise to be selected and it was such an incredible honour to be part of a ceremony acknowledging the bond between our countries,” said Smith.

The new Liberation Scholarships are “a token of lasting gratitude and friendship” that will enable “70 highly motivated Canadian students with a strong academic background to receive a scholarship to study at a Dutch university for three to 12 months between 2015-2017,” according to application information.

For more information about the scholarships, visit: <https://www.studyinholland.nl/scholarships/scholarships-administered-by-nuffic/liberation-scholarship-program>

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