

Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Student Award

In recognition of Tom Peter's commitment to students, the **Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Student Award** presents \$5,000 (funded by Vale) to a student who shows outstanding achievement in the field of land reclamation. Students must be enrolled in full-time graduate studies and their research must be linked to mine reclamation activities at an Ontario mine site. For more information or to submit nominations, please contact Bryan Tisch at btisch@nrca.gc.ca. Past winners include Kendra Driscoll (2012), Laurentian University M.Sc. candidate with her project "Migration of Calcitic and Dolomitic Limestone through Contaminated Soil" and Kelsey Norlund (2011), McMaster's University Ph.D. candidate with her project "Microbial Sulphur Geochemistry in Mine Water Chemistry: the Interaction Between Ecology and Geochemistry".

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Student Award are as follows:

Award Criteria

- The Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in a Canadian university at the time the award is presented, and **MUST** be doing work on an Ontario-based site;
 - The research must be linked in a significant fashion to reclamation activities;
 - The Applicant must be willing to present their research findings at the Ontario CLRA/OMA Mine Reclamation Symposium (or National meeting). The award will consist of \$4,000 cash plus travel expenses (up to a total award cash value of \$5,000). If travel expenses are less than \$1,000, the balance will also be forwarded to the award winner;
 - CLRA student membership is not required but is highly recommended. CLRA members may be given preference over non-members when evaluating submissions;
 - Applicant cannot have won the award previously.

Application Process

The applicant is requested to submit the following documentation to the Ontario CLRA Tom Peters Award Committee. The deadline for applications is announced annually. As a minimum, the committee will be composed of two representatives from the CLRA plus at least one member from the mining industry.

1. **Student Statement Letter** Prepare a maximum 500 word statement explaining:
 - o Applicant's career objectives in mining and the environment
 - o Outline of research project, and how it will benefit mining and mine reclamation in Ontario
 - o Applicant's educational objectives and expected defense date
 - o How this award would help the applicant attain the above objectives
 - o Why the applicant wants to work in the mining sector.
2. **Student Resume** Indicate internships, work and/or co-op experience, academic courses and projects related to the applicant's intended area of study. Extracurricular activities should be highlighted as an important aspect of the application.
3. **Official transcript** Request and submit one original transcript from the applicant's school(s).
4. **Recommendation Letter** All applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from their supervisor, outlining why they think this work/student deserves funds, how the project benefits mine reclamation, and expected defense date. The letter of recommendation should be supplied **separately** from the application package.