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## **University of Toronto Student Receives Prestigious Killam Fellowships Award to Study in the United States**



Ottawa, ON – Mr. Mahdi Hussein, a Political Science student at the University of Toronto, has been granted a Killam Fellowships Award to study at American University for the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

As a Killam Fellow at American University, Mr. Hussein will be studying Political Science, and Peace & Conflict Studies, in Washington, DC.

“It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Mahdi Hussein on his achievements and on being selected as a Killam Fellow,” says Dr. Michael Hawes, Executive Director of the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America. “Mr. Hussein recognizes the cultural value of this program as well as its academic uses and is just the kind of Fellow we hope for. We wish him all the best at American University and in his studies.”

Mr. Hussein is interested in U.S. politics and Canada-U.S. relations, and he is particularly excited about studying in Washington, DC, where he will be immersed in the Capitol Hill atmosphere and political culture of the city. During the summer of 2011, he spent the majority of his time completing

an internship at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, where he was able to gain first-hand experience living and working in his host city.

The Killam Fellowships Program provides exceptional undergraduate students from select universities in Canada and the United States with the opportunity to spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in the other country. The program is administered by the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America, a joint, bi-national, treaty-based organization created to encourage mutual understanding between Canada and the United States of America through academic and cultural exchange. The Foundation is also responsible for administering the prestigious Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program which is supported by the Canadian Government, through Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, by the United States Government, through the U.S. Department of State, and by a diverse group of corporate sponsors, charitable trusts, and university partners.

The Killam Fellowships Program is now accepting applications for its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. This program is generously supported by the American Killam Trusts and is a major initiative in their multifaceted efforts to foster mutual understanding between the citizens of Canada and those of the United States.

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