



## STUDENTS' NEWSLETTER

### Student Chair Position

The CES-Ontario Board is looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic student to serve as Student Chair. This position is an excellent opportunity for a student to learn about CES, become involved in the evaluation community, and meet other students involved in evaluation. The Student Chair serves as a member of the Ontario Board, as well as the Chair of the Student Committee.

If you are interested in the Student Chair position or would like more information, please contact the Board Chair, Erica Procter, at [chair@evaluationontario.ca](mailto:chair@evaluationontario.ca).

### Student Event at Upcoming CES-ON Annual Conference

At the previous CES-Ontario Conference, held last September 2006, the Student Committee organized a thematic lunch session for students on entering the field of evaluation. Due to the success of this event, as well as students' ongoing interest in career development and networking, the student committee is organizing a **career-focused student session** at the upcoming CES-ON conference to take place in **September, 2007**. The conference is being held at the Hart House at the University of Toronto.

We welcome your suggestions for potential presenters at this student session and other future events! Please contact us at [students@evaluationontario.ca](mailto:students@evaluationontario.ca) with your ideas.

### Evaluation Opportunity!

#### Tracer Studies for Student Competitions:

The Canadian Evaluation Society Educational Fund (CESEF) is pleased to announce two Research Awards of \$1,500 each to support students or recent graduates to conduct tracer studies of past participants in two evaluation-related Student Competitions. The tracer studies will follow-up with Case Competition and Paper Contest participants to track their career paths and explore links between career development and involvement in the Student Competitions.

Applications are due to the CESEF Secretariat by **Monday, June 11, 2007**.

For more information:  
[www.evaluation-education.org/en/programs/awards/tracer\\_studies.html](http://www.evaluation-education.org/en/programs/awards/tracer_studies.html)

### Call For Applications

The AEA/DU Graduate Diversity Internship Program, a partnership between the American Evaluation Association and Duquesne University, invites graduate students of colour interested in evaluation to submit applications. The internship program begins September, 2007 and is a non-residential opportunity for pre-doctoral students of colour to learn about evaluation through working with professional colleagues in their own region while meeting in person 3-4 times over the year with other students in the program. Applications are due **August 1, 2007**. See the website for more details:  
[www.education.duq.edu/gedip](http://www.education.duq.edu/gedip)

## 2007 student Survey Results

In the fall of 2006, the student committee conducted an electronic survey to obtain feedback from student members. Our sincere thanks to everyone who completed the survey! The full report on the results of this survey is currently available at the student's corner on the CES-ON website: <http://www.evaluationontario.ca/StudentsCorner/StudentsCorner.html>

A total of 24 students completed the survey (almost 30% of the total student membership). The survey respondents identified a few areas where they feel the Student Committee should focus its future efforts. The Student Committee is currently working to address these issues, as specified below:

### Student Advocacy

- The Student Committee has submitted a formal request for the National Council to initiate a **Student Councillor Position**. This position would increase student advocacy by providing a formal voice for student interests and concerns on a national level.

### Career-building opportunities/information & Exposure to potential employers

- A **career-focused student session** will take place at the upcoming CES-Ontario conference. The session will provide students with valuable career-related information as well as a chance to network with professional evaluators and other students.
- The Student Committee is currently exploring a potential **student mentorship program**. While this project is still in the initial planning stages, the goal is to provide formal links between students and professionals in evaluation. Look for more information on the mentoring program in the next student newsletter!

Special thanks to Surbhi, Erica and Linda for conducting the 2007 Student Survey!!!

## Experiences in Evaluation

### Lisa MacDonald and Robin Blanchard

Lisa and Robin, both graduate students at the University of Waterloo, were involved in an evaluation of the AAA Roadwise Review CD-ROM. This interactive, computer-based program allows older drivers to self-assess driving-related abilities, such as vision, memory and neck flexibility. The multi-site study was conducted at facilities in Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Victoria and Waterloo, funded by CIHR-Institute of Aging team grant. Lisa and Robin conducted the project at the Waterloo site at the Sheridan Elder Research Centre in Oakville. They administered the Roadwise Review program to 34 older drivers and facilitated focus groups following the sessions. Follow-up phone interviews were conducted two to three weeks later to obtain feedback from participants on the program. Robin is currently working on analyzing the data, which will then be combined with the results from the other three study sites.

## Student Committee

Surbhi Bhanot	- University of Windsor
Robin Blanchard	- University of Waterloo
Natalie Ceccato	- University of Toronto
Roxana Girip	- Virginia Tech University
Lisa MacDonald	- University of Waterloo
Erica Procter	- University of Guelph
Heather Travis	- University of Toronto
Linda Yuval	- University of Guelph
Biljana Zuvela	- University of Belgrade

## From the Editors

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the student newsletter. We welcome you to share your ideas and experiences in the newsletter. If you would like to receive or contribute to the newsletter, please email us at: [students@evaluationontario.ca](mailto:students@evaluationontario.ca)

*Lisa MacDonald & Heather Travis*