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APGO Education Foundation announces inaugural recipient of new professional ethics exam bursary

July 20, 2022, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation (“the Foundation or APGOEF”) is pleased to announce the recipient of its new established **Professional Ethics Exam (PPE) Bursary**. This new Bursary Program provides funding support of \$1,500 to recent immigrants who are Geoscientists-in Training (GIT’s) or provisionally accepted Professional Geoscientists (P.Geo.s) with Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) to complete their Professional Practice and Ethics (PPE) Exam required for registration. This program has been developed in partnership with [The Professional Access Into Employment](#) (PAIE) program operated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The bursary recipient was chosen by a Selection Committee formed by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Inaugural Professional Ethics Exam Bursary Recipient:

Ms. Rita Nzeribe

Ms. Nzeribe immigrated to Canada with a background in geoscience and a major in geophysics. She has worked in the oil and gas industry and presently is seeking to transition to the environmental area of practice in which most organizations in Canada require a licensed candidate. She currently has a provisional professional license with PGO and plans to complete the PPE exam to become fully registered.

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Chair of the Foundation, commented “We are delighted to award our inaugural PPE Bursary which we hope will be one of many more to come. It is very important that our profession supports internationally trained geoscientists to obtain their registration as professional geoscientists. This program augments our existing full bursary program (\$5,000) to cover applicants who need only to complete the PPE Exam to obtain their full registration. We are very pleased to partner with the [PAIE](#) program to implement this new bursary.”

Further details on the scholarship program are available on the Foundation website at [Bursaries \(apgoedfoundation.ca\)](#)

ABOUT THE APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The APGO Education Foundation (“APGOEF”) is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by:

- Holding lectures, presentations, and conferences on geoscience both in person and virtually to introduce geoscience to high school and university students as well as enhance the knowledge of the general public.
- Providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in the final year of a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree program.
- Providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as professional geoscientists (P.Geol.'s) in Ontario.

APGOEF provides funding to support innovative geoscience education projects working with university geoscience departments, community groups and not-for-profit organizations across Ontario. Please see our website at www.apgoedfoundation.ca

As part of its public education program, APGOEF funds GeoscienceINFO.com, an innovative one-stop spot for the public for information about the earth beneath their feet. This website provides interesting and topical information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is Virtual Field Trips and Geotrails in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area while traversing it digitally in ESRI ArcGIS Online™ and StoryMaps™. Information on the latest discoveries and news in the world of geoscience is featured on our website, on our blog [Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Blog](#), in our geovideos, as well as on our social media.

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