IRELAND CANADA UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Building links between Canada and Ireland through scholarly exchange
ICUF - in brief

• Established 1993 with founding chairmen Craig Dobbin O.C. And Dr. Patrick Hillery, former President of Ireland

• Simple Core Vision: “to build academic links between Canada and Ireland through the exchange of research scholars”

• 1995 – 2 scholarships awarded

• 2012 – 38 scholarships awarded
ICUF 2012 Awards Ceremony
Two Programmes of Activity

**Dobbin Scholarship Programme**
Short term visiting scholarships to Canadian and Irish research scholars in any university discipline

**Irish Language Scholarship Programme**
Supporting the development of the Irish Language in Canada
Dobbin Scholarship Programme

- A unique research scholarship programme, linking two neighbouring countries.

- Open to all disciplines - project must provide the potential to develop ongoing academic links between our two countries.

- First scholars travelled in 1995

- Short visits of 2 - 4 weeks

- Applicants must have received significant interest from the institution which they propose to visit
An Clár Gaeilge

Seán Mac Risteaird (2012-13) with his class in St. Thomas University, Frederiction
Clár Gaeilge / Irish Language Programme

• Irish Government recognises the importance of supporting awareness and growth of the Irish language outside of Ireland

• Our programme is funded by the Irish Government and co-funded by our partner universities

• Two way flow of scholarship

• Irish Language scholars - teach for an academic year in our partner universities, and in the surrounding communities - “Cultural Ambassadors”

• Two Canadian scholars awarded in each of our partner universities to attend an intensive Irish language summer programme in Ireland

• A Canadian Scholar awarded to attend this programme, in collaboration with Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada
Canadian Irish Language Scholars 2012 - 2013
Teagascóirí Gaeilge pictured with Prof. John Kelly (ICUF), His Excellency Loyola Hearn, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Prof. Seamus Smyth (ICUF), Dinny McGinley T.D., Minister for State for the Gaeltacht, James Kelly (Programme Manager ICUF) and Jimmy Deenihan T.D. Minister for Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
ICUF Scholars in Canada

locations of universities & institutions which have sent or received scholars
Support for the Foundation
• ICUF is a Charitable Trust

• Ireland Fund of Canada our fundraising partner in Canada

• Private donors, businesses and corporations in Ireland and Canada

• The Irish Government supports core activity of the Foundation (DFA) and the Irish Language Programme (DAH&G)

• The Canadian Government in 2012 made a significant donation to support the Dobbin Scholarship Programme