The Royal Military College of Canada Expedition Club generously supports the humanitarian efforts of The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative through its contribution to an award for graduate scholarship in the areas related to children in armed conflict. Those affected by conflict as youth and wish to study at Dalhousie will also be considered. All applicants should show dedication to the global promotion of peace and human rights, conflict prevention, and social policy change. He or she should be determined, intelligent, compassionate, and recognized as a promising academic and future leader for progressive thought and action. The applicant must be pursuing full-time studies at Dalhousie University pertaining to current issues that are related to children affected by armed conflict. Below is a summary of the award’s sponsors. An application package is attached.

About The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative

The organization was founded by LGen Roméo Dallaire (ret’d) in 2007. General Dallaire first experienced the issue of child soldiers as the Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. During this time, General Dallaire realized that he and his troops were ill prepared to face them.

The Dallaire Initiative is the only organization in the world that is taking a prevention-oriented, security sector focused approach to the crime of against humanity that is child soldiery. Through this we hope to build a more holistic, prevention oriented approach to the issue of child soldiers that compliments current efforts while providing innovative solutions. It

About the RMC Expedition Club Project

In 2014, the RMC Expedition Club renewed their partnership with the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and raised funds through its expeditions to Kenya and Guatemala to support a Dallaire Scholarship. RMC expedition teams carried on the efforts began with the 2011/12 Kilimanjaro expedition that helped establish the inaugural Dallaire Scholarship.
Terms of the Award

PURPOSE: The award recognizes the importance of graduate scholarship as a necessary step on the pathway to global leadership. In honoring the student the important work of the Dallaire Initiative is recognized as an organization that has made positive impact on peace and security and contributed to the commitment to a long-term global response to the phenomena of child soldiery.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be accepted or current Dalhousie graduate students who are studying a discipline or specific issue related to children in armed conflict; and/or wishes to write a thesis on a related topic. Aspiring students who as a youth were impacted by conflict and wish to study at Dalhousie University will also be considered. All applicants must have a recognized capacity for academic excellence. This award is to be used for the 2015/2016 academic term.

DEADLINE: The last day for receipt of application documents must be submitted to the Dallaire Initiative by March 1st for the 2015-16 academic year.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: Consists of the Management Committee of the Initiative and Hon LGen Roméo Dallaire, Ret’d.

AWARD and RECOGNITION:

A check for $3,000 will be deposited into the student’s account to cover tuition and fees. The student will also have the opportunity to engage with members of the Initiative throughout the academic year for questions related to research and will be publically recognized as a Dallaire Initiative research fellow.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

Please submit the following documents by email to lisa@childsoldiers.org or in person to:

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1. CV
2. Statement of Intent, inclusive of but not limited to:
   - Overall purpose and position of application
   - Highlights of academic accomplishments
   - Career goals
   - Your intended contribution to global change.
3. Research abstract (1 page)