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Axworthy Appointed a Trudeau Foundation Mentor

WINNIPEG – Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Winnipeg, is one of seven distinguished Canadians to be appointed a 2007 Trudeau Foundation Mentor. The Trudeau Foundation made its latest round of mentors public yesterday.

Established in 2002, the Trudeau Foundation has granted close to 100 major awards, including Trudeau Fellowships to innovative and distinguished researchers and Trudeau Mentorships to outstanding professionals in the social sciences and humanities. Trudeau Mentors provide support and direction to fellowship recipients.

Mentors are selected for their outstanding creativity in policy analysis and implementation in government, business, the voluntary sector, the professions or the arts. They also demonstrate an interest in one or more of the four themes of the Foundation: human rights and social justice, responsible citizenship, Canada and the world, and humans and their natural environment.

“There have been many points in my career where I was fortunate enough to find the right person at the right time to serve as a mentor,” said Axworthy. “These people not only demonstrated by example how one might make a difference, but would also challenge me to do so. I look forward to providing this support and guidance to Trudeau Foundation Scholars.”

Axworthy will mentor Vincent Pouliot of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. Awarded a Trudeau Fellowship in 2005, Pouliot has used his research to challenge the popular perception that peace simply is non-war. In and through practice, international peace is primarily about establishing a diplomatic routine that allows taking the non-violent settlement of disputes for granted.

“Few Canadians have left their mark on the theory and practice of international relations as much as Lloyd Axworthy,” said Pouliot. “By challenging conventional wisdom on the nature of security, he opened the way to think a better world. I can only hope his mentorship will inspire me to follow in these steps.”

Axworthy, Canada's foreign affairs minister from 1996 to 2000, joins several other prominent Canadians from various backgrounds as Trudeau Mentors this year including:

- Ken Battle, Director, Caledon Institute of Social Policy based in Ottawa;
- Monique Bégin, Former Federal Minister of Health and current Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa;
- Elizabeth Davis, Health Care Advocate, Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Ursula Franklin, Professor Emeritus, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Toronto and activist for human rights and the environment;
- Huguette Labelle, former Chair of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and current Chancellor, University of Ottawa, and;
- Gordon Smith, Executive Director, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria.

For more information on the Trudeau Foundation Scholarships, visit www.trudeaufoundation.ca.

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