University of Lethbridge Faculty of Arts and Science Commits \$65,000 to 4-H Scholarships

The Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Lethbridge is committing \$65,000 in tuition credits over the next three years to qualified 4-H club members in Alberta.

"We believe that 4-H club members bring a wealth of social, technical and academic skills with them when they enter university," said Dr. Chris Nicol, the Dean of the U of L's Faculty of Arts and Science. "These are just the type of students we are looking for, and we hope this commitment to support their interest in university studies at the U of L translates into even more leadership opportunities here."

Fifteen (15) awards of \$1,000 each will be given to selected applicants accepted as new high school students into the Faculty of Arts and Science BA, BSc or BASc programs, regardless of major, for the 2012/2013 academic year.

The new 4-H scholarships are welcome news to U of L students like Claresholm resident Lindsey Meredith, currently completing a combined degree in Biology and Management. "If I had had a chance to apply for a scholarship like this, I wouldn't have had to sell my horse to pay my tuition," Meredith said.

"I had some amazing experiences through 4-H. The program helps people to learn by doing a variety of projects, and the U of L experience is much the same in that students are encouraged to do volunteer work and community service, which is a huge asset on a resume."

Meredith added that for students coming to Lethbridge from smaller communities, the campus environment is small and closeknit, but the opportunities are large. "I have met people from around the world, I've helped plan large events, and I've used pretty much all the skills I learned in 4-H along the way. I would



really encourage any 4-H member thinking of attending university to consider the U of L and applying for this award."

Students can register for programs such as Agricultural Studies, Agricultural Biotechnology, Environmental Science, Remote Sensing and multitude of other internationally-recognized degrees, which can lead to Masters or Doctoral–level studies. Co-operative education work placements and other services are available to students to ensure they are as prepared as possible for the workforce.

The applicant must be an active member of an Alberta 4-H club at the time of application, and have a permanent mailing address within the province of Alberta prior to enrollment at the U of L. The student must be registered for the Spring 2013, in addition to the Fall 2012 semester, to receive the funds. Winners will be chosen by random draw, with only one entry per person accepted. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2012.

Selection and notification of the Alberta 4-H Entrance Awards will occur by July 1, 2012. For more information and to apply online, please visit <u>http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/awards</u>