



King's History Students receive \$27,000 in Support for Transformative Overseas Learning Experience

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LONDON, ON – King's University College is proud to announce \$27,000 in generous support for its *World Wars in History, Memory and Reconciliation* course, an immersive experiential learning opportunity that connects students to history in profound ways. The Canadian Battlefields Foundation (CBF) has contributed \$10,000, and the Legion National Foundation (LNF) has provided \$17,000 (equating to \$1,000 per student), making this extraordinary overseas learning experience possible.

Led by Dr. Graham Broad and Dr. Nic Virtue, the course runs from January to May 2025 and includes a 12-day immersive program in Belgium and France. Students will visit historic battlefields, cemeteries, and memorials, experiencing the “power of place” to deepen their understanding of the sacrifices and legacy of the World Wars.

The program holds particular significance as **students will be overseas on May 8, 2025, the 80th anniversary of VE Day**, which marks the end of World War II in Europe.

The Canadian Battlefields Foundation works to preserve Canada's role in major conflicts and provide opportunities for younger generations to learn about the sacrifices made during the World Wars. The Legion National Foundation, dedicated to honoring veterans and promoting remembrance, fosters understanding of Canada's military history through educational programs like this.

This is the second time King's has offered this course, following a successful inaugural trip in 2022 that left a lasting impact on students and faculty alike. By providing meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities, King's continues to set itself apart as a leader in experiential education.

Quotes: “The generous support from the Canadian Battlefields Foundation and the Legion National Foundation ensures students gain a perspective that textbooks alone cannot offer,” said Dr. Broad. “Standing where history happened creates an understanding and connection that will stay with them for a lifetime.”

“Everything changes when you're standing here and seeing things in front of you. You can picture what those on the front lines of war were seeing because you're seeing it too. It's extremely impactful and powerful.” King's alumna Avery Campbell, BA '22

About King's University College

King's is a public Catholic University College that provides general and honours degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, management, and a master's degree in social work. Institutionally

autonomous, King's is academically affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person. To learn more visit kings.uwo.ca.

About the Canadian Battlefields Foundation

The Canadian Battlefields Foundation (CBF) is a not-for-profit educational organization committed to remembering, commemorating, and honouring Canada's contributions in wars and military operations since the 20th century. Through student bursaries and battlefield study tours, the Foundation provides opportunities for Canadians to explore historic sites like Vimy Ridge and Normandy, fostering a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by Canadian military personnel and the lasting impact of these events. To learn more, visit battlefieldsfoundation.ca.

About the National Legion Foundation

The Legion National Foundation is a national charity dedicated to ensuring Veterans know they are not alone. Focused on honouring Canada's Veterans and their families, the Foundation partners with local organizations across the country to strengthen Veteran communities and provide vital services, including mental and physical health support, housing, and financial assistance. The Foundation also champions educational programs centered on remembrance, fostering meaningful connections with younger generations to ensure the sacrifices of the past are never forgotten. As a registered Canadian charity, the Legion National Foundation actively engages Canadians in preserving the tradition of Remembrance. To learn more, visit lnfcanada.ca.

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