

# Education

**Empowering our future ... through learning and leadership.** In 2008, Sun Life Financial was proud to support a range of outstanding institutions and organizations whose innovative programs and competitive spirit have presented the best of Canadian academic and business excellence to the world. Here are some examples of our support.

## CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL



The Canadian International Council is a non-partisan nationwide council established to strengthen Canada's role in international affairs. With 13

branches across Canada, it works to advance research and dialogue on international affairs by supporting a Canadian foreign policy network that crosses academic disciplines, policy areas and economic sectors. Sun Life's donation of \$100,000 supports the organization's Fellowship Program – a highly competitive program that seeks to attract eminent, established researchers as well as Canada's most promising young minds. The program provides Fellows with the opportunity to focus on important foreign policy issues of global importance, while raising Canada's international profile.

## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The University of British Columbia (UBC) celebrated its centennial in 2008. Throughout the year, there were numerous events celebrating the accomplishments of the university and its impact on the community. Sun Life's centenary celebration gift of \$40,000 contributed to the production of *UBC: The First 100 Years*, a book that provides an overview of the major developments that have marked UBC's progress since the passage of the 1908 University Act that brought it into being.

## CANADIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The Canadian Mathematical Society is a professional organization that promotes the importance of mathematics at all levels. Each year, the Society organizes the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge with contestants from across the country. The competition results in approximately 75 finalists from 50 schools who go on to participate in the Canadian Mathematics Olympiad (CMO). In total, there are eight winners of the CMO, and the first prize winner is awarded the Sun Life Financial Cup. The pinnacle of competition is the International Mathematical Olympiad, which is held in various cities around the world. Sun Life's 2008 donation of \$30,000, the second instalment of a three-year, \$90,000 commitment, continues Sun Life's major sponsorship of the Olympiad and the Sun Life Financial Cup, as well as title sponsorship of the Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge.

## COLLEGE COMPENSATION AND APPOINTMENTS COUNCIL

The College Compensation and Appointments Council administers the Premier's Awards, which are presented annually to graduates of Ontario's Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. The awards honour those who have excelled in their careers and made significant social and economic contributions to society, at home in Ontario and around the world. Recipients receive a bronze medal and \$5,000 to designate to their college for student bursaries. Sun Life's donation of \$40,000 in 2008 provided title sponsorship of the Premier's Awards and a video.