2017 marks the History Department’s 60th anniversary and Canada’s 150th anniversary!

The Department of History will be celebrating its anniversary on April 29 and will highlight the Canadian confederation on September 23 with a series of talks on the topic “1867, Canada in the World.”

The History Department is inviting undergraduate students to take part into the “From sign to sign, post your Canada” contest of research posters. Students with a major or minor in history, and enrolled in a Winter 2017 class will receive a $200 award to research a topic and prepare a poster on the subject of the year, “1867, Canada in the World.” The chosen topics are expected to centre on an item, an event, or a movement relating to Confederation or occurring in 1867, in order to better situate the event of Confederation in a global landscape. For example:

- In a Medieval history class, students could prepare a poster on the neo-gothic architecture that was chosen for Parliament building, and which was identical to the architecture of the Parliament of England.
- In an Asian history class, students could prepare a poster on the resignation of the last shogun in Japan (1867) and the beginning of the Meiji era.
- In an American history class, students could prepare a poster on Russia’s sale of Alaska to the USA (1867).
- In an intellectual history class, students could prepare a poster on the publishing of “Das Kapital” by Karl Marx (1867) and its release in Canada.

Students will submit their application to the Conference committee. Thirty students will be selected to participate. Posters will be exhibited on campus and during celebrations in April and in September. The best poster as judged by a panel of graduate students, will receive a reward revealed during a ceremony on April 29.

Professors who teach during the Winter term: 1) circulate the information in their classes; 2) encourage students to participate by providing examples of relevant research topics; 3) guide potential participants in their topic choice; 4) sign the application of participants from their classes.

Note: any professor can guide a student, even if they do not teach this term

Chronology of deadlines:

- **January 9-20**: Announcement of the contest in classes by professors.
- **February 17**: Joint Student/Professor application due to the Conference committee (jkfianu@uottawa.ca)
- **February 26**: Announcement of results
- **March 15**: Workshop on how to create a poster
- **April 7**: Approval of the final version of the poster by the professor
- **April 13**: Posters due
- **April 29**: Posters displayed at the Conference celebrating the History Department’s 60th Anniversary. Awards for the best posters, as judged by a panel of graduate students
- **May 1-15**: Posters will be displayed in the showcases of Simard Hall.