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For the year ended June 30, 2015**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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### To the Member of Canadian Foundation for Governance Research

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Foundation for Governance Research, which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2015, and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canadian Foundation for Governance Research as at June 30, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*BDO Canada LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

September 30, 2015  
Toronto, Ontario

# Canadian Foundation for Governance Research Statement of Financial Position

**June 30, 2015**

	Operating Fund	Research Awards Fund	Endow- ment Fund	Total	
				2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 68,342	\$ 164,850	\$ 6,316	\$ 239,508	\$ 209,567
Endowment receivables	-	-	2,500	2,500	6,000
Due (to) from funds (Note 4)	(62,841)	96,621	(33,780)	-	-
HST and other receivables	1,692	-	-	1,692	2,216
	7,193	261,471	(24,964)	243,700	217,783
<b>Long-term investments (Note 3)</b>	<b>570,203</b>	<b>99,498</b>	<b>727,915</b>	<b>1,397,616</b>	<b>1,400,714</b>
	<b>\$ 577,396</b>	<b>\$ 360,969</b>	<b>\$ 702,951</b>	<b>\$ 1,641,316</b>	<b>\$ 1,618,497</b>

## Liabilities and Fund Balances

### Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,997	\$ 12,000
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	-	188,974	-	188,974	186,012
	9,997	188,974	-	198,971	198,012

### Fund balances

Externally restricted (Note 7)	-	171,995	702,951	874,946	831,328
Unrestricted	567,399	-	-	567,399	589,157
	567,399	171,995	702,951	1,442,345	1,420,485
	<b>\$ 577,396</b>	<b>\$ 360,969</b>	<b>\$ 702,951</b>	<b>\$ 1,641,316</b>	<b>\$ 1,618,497</b>

On behalf of the Board:

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

## Canadian Foundation for Governance Research Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

**For the year ended June 30, 2015**

	Operating Fund	Research Awards Fund	Endow- ment Fund	Total	
				2015	2014
<b>Revenues</b>					
Sponsorship (Note 6)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000
Investment income (Note 8)	31,035	35,308	-	66,343	76,569
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(3,648)	-	-	(3,648)	78,754
	<b>127,387</b>	<b>35,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,695</b>	<b>230,323</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Bank service charges	502	-	-	502	633
Custodian fees	3,659	-	-	3,659	3,319
Foreign exchange loss	1,372	-	-	1,372	560
Grants support (Note 6)	100,000	-	-	100,000	75,000
HST expense	774	-	-	774	965
Marketing	720	-	-	720	1,378
Office expenses	-	-	-	-	30
Professional fees	8,500	-	-	8,500	16,565
Research awards	-	35,308	-	35,308	48,334
	<b>115,527</b>	<b>35,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,835</b>	<b>146,784</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses for the year</b>	<b>11,860</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,860</b>	<b>83,539</b>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<b>589,157</b>	<b>138,377</b>	<b>692,951</b>	<b>1,420,485</b>	<b>1,339,346</b>
<b>Endowment contributions (Note 7)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>(2,400)</b>
<b>Interfund transfers (Note 7)</b>	<b>(33,618)</b>	<b>33,618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 567,399</b>	<b>\$ 171,995</b>	<b>\$ 702,951</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,345</b>	<b>\$ 1,420,485</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Canadian Foundation for Governance Research Statement of Cash Flows

<b>For the year ended June 30</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Cash was provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 11,860	\$ 83,539
Adjustments to reconcile excess to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	3,648	(78,754)
Gain on disposal of investments	(23,094)	(19,356)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Endowment receivables	3,500	7,000
HST and other receivables	524	326
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,003)	-
Deferred contributions	10,187	4,637
	<b>4,622</b>	<b>(2,608)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of investments	(37,618)	(113,655)
Proceeds on disposition of investments	52,937	130,368
	<b>15,319</b>	<b>16,713</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Endowment contributions	10,000	(2,400)
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>11,705</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b>209,567</b>	<b>197,862</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 239,508</b>	<b>\$ 209,567</b>
<b>Supplementary cash flow information:</b>		
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments included in deferred contributions	\$ (7,225)	\$ 118,704

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# Canadian Foundation for Governance Research Notes to Financial Statements

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## 1. Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) Nature and Purpose of Operations

The Canadian Foundation for Governance Research (the "Foundation") is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a public foundation and is exempt from income taxes under Section 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act. Accordingly, there is no provision for income taxes in these financial statements. The Foundation has a mission to support research in corporate governance through the Robert Bertram Doctoral Research Awards and other activities to meet its objectives.

### (b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### (c) Fund Accounting

Revenues and expenses related to operating activities are reported in the Operating Fund.

Revenues and expenses related to the Robert Bertram Doctoral Research Awards are reported in the Research Awards Fund.

Endowment contributions are reported in the Endowment Fund. Investment income earned on resources of the Endowment Fund is externally restricted and is reported in the Research Awards Fund.

### (d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash on hand and investments in money market instruments which are cashable or have original maturities of three months or less.

### (e) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenses in the year acquired.

### (f) Donated Services

Due to the difficulty in determining the fair value of donated services provided to the Foundation, donated services have not been recognized in the financial statements.

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies - (Continued)

#### (g) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Equity instruments that are quoted in an active market and fixed income instruments are subsequently measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized costs less impairment, if applicable, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Foundation has elected to carry its investments at fair value, with gains and losses reported in operations in the operating fund and in deferred contributions in the research award fund. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at cost or amortized cost.

#### (h) Revenue Recognition

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the Operating Fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the Research Awards Fund in the year in which the related expenses are recognized or the period to which the restriction relates.

Endowment contributions are reported as direct increases in the Endowment Fund in the current period.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

#### (i) Foreign Exchange

Foreign currency accounts are translated to Canadian dollars as follows:

At the transaction date, each asset, liability, revenue or expense is translated into Canadian dollars by the use of the exchange rate in effect at that date. At the year end date, monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars by using the exchange rate in effect at that date and the resulting foreign exchange gains and losses for operating fund are included in operations in the current period and for Endowment and Research Awards fund are included in deferred contributions.

#### (j) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.



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### 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Included in cash and cash equivalents is \$182,068 (2014 - \$173,171) of money market funds bearing interest of 1.2% (2014 - 1.24%) per annum.

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### 3. Investments

Investments represent investments in equities in accordance with the Foundation's investment policy.

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### 4. Due (to) from Funds

Due (to) from funds balances are non-interest bearing and have no specific terms of repayment.

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### 5. Deferred Contributions

Deferred contributions relate to the unspent portion of investment income externally restricted for the Robert Bertram Doctoral Research Awards.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 186,012	\$ 62,671
Amounts deferred and restricted for research awards		
Investment income earned (Note 8)	45,495	41,138
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(7,225)	118,704
Contribution	-	11,833
Amounts disbursed for research awards	<u>(35,308)</u>	<u>(48,334)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 188,974</u>	<u>\$ 186,012</u>

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### 6. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the Foundation received an endowment contribution of \$nil (2014 - \$100 donation to the operating fund) from the Institute of Corporate Directors ("ICD"), a not-for-profit organization that is the sole member of the Foundation. The Foundation donated \$100,000 (2014 - \$75,000) to ICD for support of the not-for-profit program (NFP).

During the year, the ICD provided management services which included bookkeeping and office space to the Foundation, the value of which cannot be reasonably estimated and therefore has not been reflected in the accounts of the Foundation.

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### 7. Endowment Fund and Externally Restricted Research Awards Fund

The Foundation receives endowment contributions for which the investment income will be used to support research on governance through the Robert Bertram Doctoral Research Awards (the "Bertram Awards"). In 2014, the Foundation wrote off \$2,500 of the outstanding balance as the balance was considered non-collectible. In 2015, the Foundation received an endowment in the amount of \$10,000 from the Bertram Family Fund.

The Foundation has agreed to support the Bertram Awards by contributing an amount equal to the investment income earned on the Endowment Fund to the Research Awards Fund. During the year, the Foundation transferred \$33,618 (2014 - \$31,595) between the Operating Fund and the Research Awards Fund for this purpose.

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### 8. Investment Income

Investment income includes interest, dividends and realized and unrealized gains/losses incurred/received in the year and is summarized as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Income earned on unrestricted resources	\$ 31,035	\$ 28,235
Income earned on resources held for endowment and restricted for research awards (Note 7)	33,618	31,595
Income earned on resources held and restricted for research awards	<u>11,877</u>	<u>9,543</u>
	76,530	69,373
Less: Amounts deferred and restricted for research awards (Note 5)	(45,495)	(41,138)
Add: Amounts recognized from deferred revenue from disbursed research awards	<u>35,308</u>	<u>48,334</u>
Total investment income recognized as revenue	<u>\$ 66,343</u>	<u>\$ 76,569</u>

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### 9. Financial Instrument Risk Exposure and Management

In common with other organizations, the Foundation is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Foundation's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them.

There have been no substantive changes in the Foundation's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing these risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in these financial statements. Management has established policies and procedures to manage risks related to financial instruments, with the objective of minimizing any adverse effects on financial performance.

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## 9. Financial Instrument Risk Exposure and Management - (Continued)

However, in management's opinion the Foundation is not exposed to significant credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk arising from its financial instruments. A brief description of management's assessments of these risks is as follows:

(a) General Objectives, Policies and Processes

The Board and management are responsible for the determination of the Foundation's risk management objectives and policies and designing operating processes that ensure the effective implementation of the objectives and policies. In general, the Foundation measures and monitors risk through the preparation and review of monthly reports by management and quarterly reports by the Board.

(b) Credit Risk

Financial instruments potentially exposed to credit risk include cash and cash equivalents, investments, HST and other receivables, due from funds and endowment receivables. Management considers its exposure to credit risk over cash and cash equivalents and investments to be remote as the Foundation holds cash deposits, money market funds and investments at a reputable financial institution in Canada. Endowment receivables include funding from donors through the Endowment Fund contributions. The Foundation monitors the funding received and ensures the amounts are in accordance with the Endowment Fund agreement.

(c) Investment Management Risk

Risk management relates to the understanding and active management of risk associated with all areas of the business and the associated operating environment. Investments are primarily exposed to market, interest and currency risk. The Foundation mitigates these risks with an investment policy which establishes target asset mix and diversification of investments within investment categories and set limits on exposure of individual investments. The Foundation's investment policy includes a mix of cash, fixed income and equities.

(d) Market and Interest Risk

The risk associated with the investments are the risk associated with the securities in which the funds are invested. The value of equity securities changes with the stock market conditions, which are affected by general economic and market conditions and the developments within the specific companies which issue the securities. The value of money markets or fixed income securities will generally rise if interest rates fall and fall if interest rates rise. The Foundation's investment policy is to invest in a mix of cash, fixed income and equities and is predominately invested in equity securities. Based on the investment policy, the Foundation has invested in companies that have a strong performance, are stable and well known in diverse industries. The investment policy is designed to limit exposure and concentration while achieving optimal return within reasonable risk tolerances. The Foundation is in compliance with that policy as at June 30, 2015.

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### 9. Financial Instrument Risk Exposure and Management - (Continued)

(e) Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Foundation transacts in foreign currencies which results in exposure to foreign currency fluctuations as the Foundation does not use derivative instruments to mitigate foreign exchange risk. The Foundation is exposed to this risk through its cash and cash equivalents and investments. Included in cash and cash equivalents and investments are approximately \$16,942 (2014 - \$9,492) and \$330,206 (2014 - \$287,069) respectively of foreign currency amounts denominated in USD.

(f) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Foundation will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Foundation's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due by maintaining sufficient cash levels, enabled by the collection of contributions, and investing a portion of the investments in cashable money market funds.

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### 10. Research Awards

During the year, the Foundation selected two recipients for the Robert Bertram Doctoral Research Awards committing a total of \$30,000 which will be disbursed subsequent to year end in the fall of 2015. The funding agreements were signed by the University of the recipient which will administer the funds to the recipient.