



Carleton University Students Win 2011 Nicol Entrepreneurial Award

-- *Next Generation Flight* Takes National Nicol Award

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OTTAWA, Ontario (April 5, 2011) – Carleton University students Curtis Parks and Chris Polowick were named the winners of the 2011 National Nicol Award at the 7th Annual Nicol Entrepreneurial Awards held at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier on March 29.

The two fourth-year engineering students faced the judges as one of six teams in the final round of competition. Their winning business idea, *Next Generation Flight*, will use innovative Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology to provide a flexible, cost-effective, and environmentally sensitive platform for the delivery of aerial data-gathering missions such as wild-life surveys in remote areas.

“After all these years, I’m still excited by the innovative concepts and projects generated by the students,” said Wes Nicol, founder of the Nicol Entrepreneurial Award. “It is very rewarding to see the development and maturity of their ideas over the course of the competition. We all wish Curtis and Chris every success in bringing their plan to reality.”

The Nicol Award is a national program designed to generate and reward interest in entrepreneurship on the part of undergraduate students in any faculty or field of study at the fourteen participating universities across Canada. The Award recognizes the value of the entrepreneurial spirit and the important role it plays in the success of a business. Launched in 1997, by Ottawa-based entrepreneur Wes Nicol, this program now awards over \$100,000 in prize money each year to individual students or student teams.

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