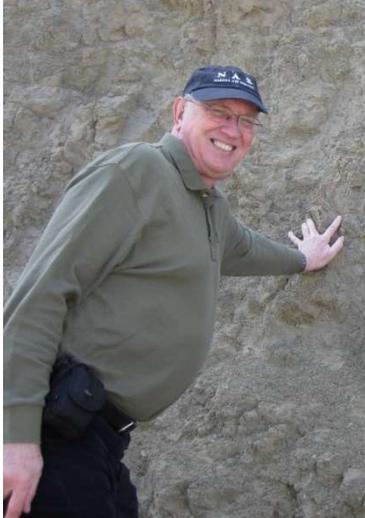


## GIVING NEWS

### James M. Franklin Graduate Scholarship



Beloved member of our Western Earth Sciences family, **James (Jim) M. Franklin** (PhD 1970), passed away on June 19, 2024, at the age of 81. He was a distinguished geologist known for his ground-breaking work in mineral exploration. As Professor Dick Hutchinson's first PhD student, his research on mineral deposits in the Proterozoic rocks of the north shore of Lake Superior laid the groundwork for his subsequent career as Canada's preeminent expert on the origin of Precambrian ore deposits.

Jim received numerous awards for his achievements, including the Penrose Gold Medal from the Society of Economic Geologists and the Logan Gold Medal from the Geological Association of Canada. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame.

Friends, Dean McDonald (PhD 1990) and Carol Ellis, wanted to do something to remember Jim, who was a success in the geological world and also a people-person who gave freely of his time. They have set up an endowment at Western, to create the **James M. Franklin Graduate Scholarship**. It will support graduate students in the Department of Earth Sciences, based on academic achievement. Preference will be given to students in Geology or Geophysics conducting research in mineral deposits.

"Jim had a great impact on so many of us in the field," says Dean McDonald. "We wanted to be able to honour his memory and his numerous contributions to the field, and to help Western students at the same time."

The first scholarship recipient will be named in the 2025/26 academic year. **Additional contributions to the fund will increase the value of the Scholarship. For those interested in donating, please visit: [www.westernconnect.ca/franklin](http://www.westernconnect.ca/franklin)**