The E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship is a generous award ($7500) granted to an outstanding full-time student registered at the University of Calgary wishing to pursue studies in France in Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 through an official exchange program. Award holders must select courses in which the language of instruction is French.

Selection criteria:
- Academic merit
- Solid command of oral and written French
- Extra-curricular activities exhibiting concern for others

DEADLINE: March 30, 2021. Please see centrefr@ucalgary.ca for full details and the application form.

E. Catherine Barclay (1902-1985) was a blazer of many trails, and far more than a beloved teacher of English and French. Whilst a high-school teacher in Calgary, she spearheaded a minor revolution by encouraging—sometimes insisting—that her students speak French in the classroom. A great believer in student exchanges, she was instrumental in establishing a Summer School Scholarship to Quebec and France. She assisted in creating the French section of the Banff School of Fine Arts and the Alliance Française in Calgary. In keeping with her desire to foster international goodwill and understanding, she engaged in activities of the Calgary branch of the United Nations for many years.

In 1933 she and her sister Mary set up the first youth hostel in North America at Bragg Creek, Alberta. The award was established by a dedicated group of her friends, colleagues and former students to honour the memory of this outstanding educator and world citizen. To implement her ideals and goals, the award provides the opportunity for students to study in their chosen field using their knowledge of French, to gain experience and an appreciation for living in another culture, and to acquire something of her world view of the family of nations.