In addition to the two “Potvin Outstanding Student Awards” given to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in Biomedical Engineering, Alfred R. and Janet H. Potvin shall also support the “Alfred R. and Janet H. Potvin Undergraduate Scholar in Biomedical Engineering” Scholarship. The intent of this scholarship is to recognize and reward BME students in the junior and senior level who have achieved truly outstanding academic credentials.

Alfred Potvin was an EE undergraduate student at WPI in 1960-64, and has enjoyed a varied professional career in BME in both academia and industry. He founded the BME program at The University of Texas at Arlington as a joint program with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and served as its first Chairman. Today, it has over 175 graduate students. He also founded and served as Director of the Medical Instrument Systems Division at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, and concluded his career as Dean of Engineering and Technology at Indiana University and Purdue University at Indianapolis where he developed the foundation for its BME Department with the IU Medical Center and Purdue University in West Lafayette. He also served as a member and as a Chairman of the advisory committee for the BME Department at WPI during Dr. Bob Peura’s tenure as Department Chairman.