

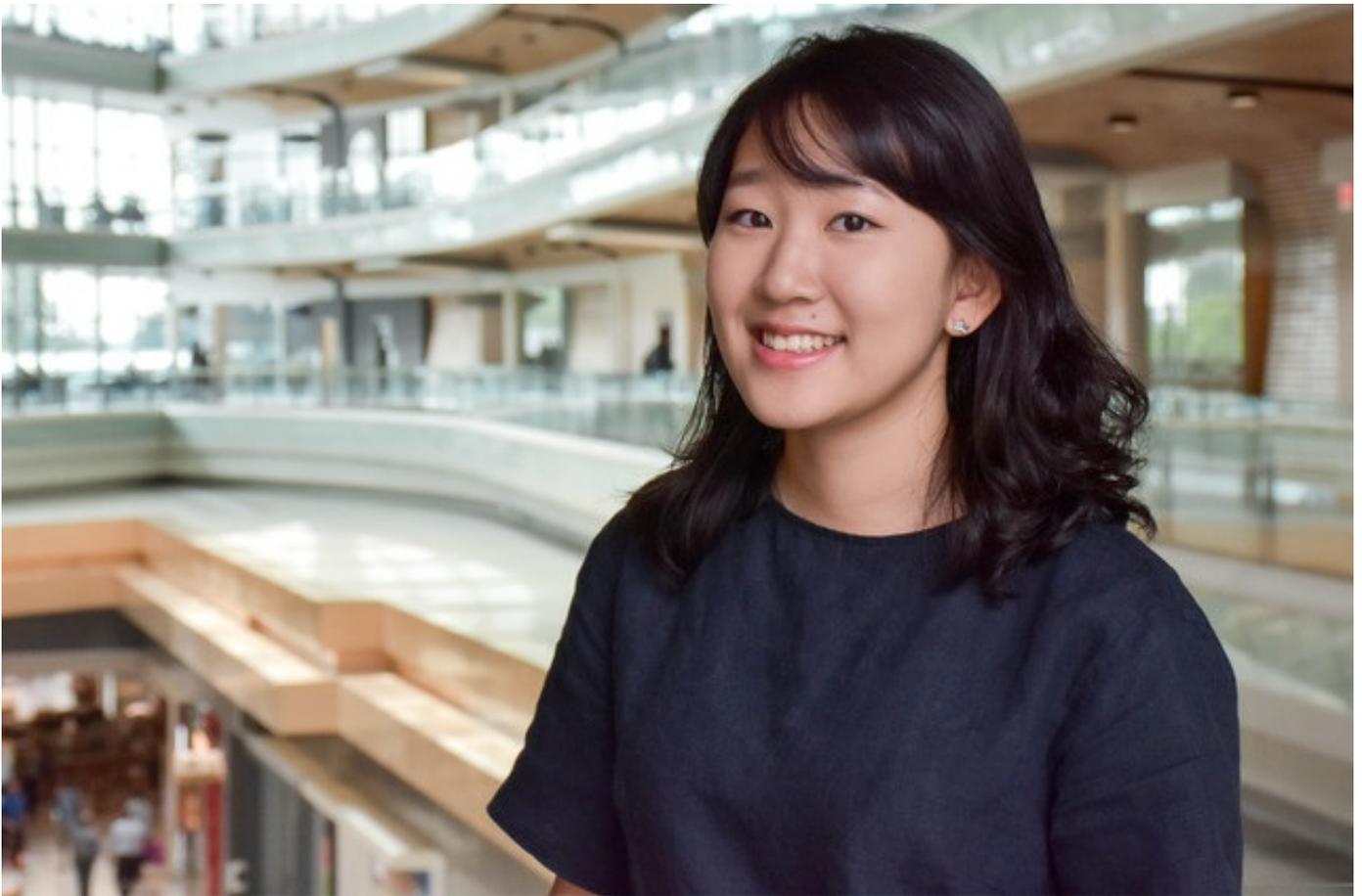


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# Pair of SFU students share \$140,000 in Schulich scholarships

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**By Allen Tung and Justin Wong**

New students Scott Bernard and Jennifer Yi are Simon Fraser University's recipients of the Schulich Leader Scholarships, awarded annually to high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel.

Bernard, a graduate of Seycove Secondary School in North Vancouver, receives the engineering scholarship valued at \$80,000 and Yi, a graduate of Pacific Academy in Surrey, receives \$60,000.

Both begin their studies at SFU this September. Bernard is pursuing a bachelor of applied science in engineering science, while Yi is pursuing a bachelor of science in health sciences. They were selected for their outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements, which are core requirements for the scholarship.

"I feel incredibly grateful to have earned the Schulich scholarship, which will allow me to focus primarily on my academics," says Bernard. "I couldn't have achieved this without the support of my teachers and family members."

Yi says: "It's a huge relief to have the financial burden taken away. It allows me to focus on school and pursue my post-secondary education without any worries. I feel extremely lucky and honoured to receive a Schulich Leader Scholarship."

Upon graduation from Seycove, Bernard won several top-student awards in mathematics and sciences. Outside the classroom, he volunteered his time to tutor his peers, and led several student groups. He also served as a volunteer coach for the North Shore Girls Soccer Club.

As a student at Pacific Academy, Yi promoted STEM and Model United Nations at her school and in the broader community, feeling both were under-supported areas.

She co-founded the Southern League of the Vancouver High School Science Olympics, a youth-run, non-profit organization that allows students to participate in science competitions and tour local research laboratories. She also helped establish the Pacific Model United Nations conference in Vancouver in 2014. The following year, as secretary-general, she led a team of six other secretariat members and 17 staff members with 200 delegates—the city’s largest Model United Nations day conference. It raised \$3,000 and proceeds were donated to UNICEF.

Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established the scholarships with \$100 million in 2012. These scholarships encourage 50 of Canada’s best and brightest high school students to attend university to become future pioneers in global scientific research and innovation.

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