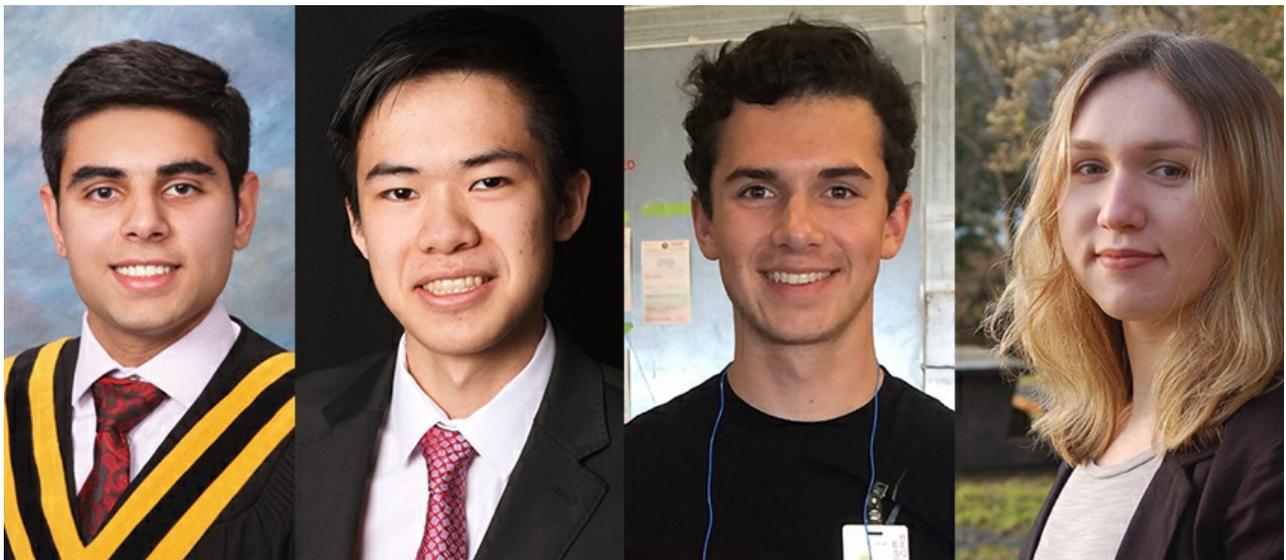


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Universities announce their 2017 Schulich Leader Scholarship winners

Ali Janjiana, Gibson Clark, Miranda Andersen and Andrew Tong have been named the University of British Columbia's recipients of the prestigious *Schulich Leader Scholarships*.

Created in 2011 by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich, this annual scholarship program encourages promising high school graduates to embrace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in their future careers. This year, there were over 1,300 *Schulich Leader* Nominees from across Canada vying for 50 scholarships, valued at up to \$100,000 each. Since inception, 270 students have received this celebrated scholarship.

Ali Janjiana, 18, is a recipient of the \$100,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Frank Hurt Secondary School in Surrey, BC, Janjiana will be entering the Bachelor of Applied Science program this fall. Janjiana was selected for his academic achievements as an Honour Roll student who received the award for the top physics student from his school. In addition, his achievements in sports as captain of his school soccer team and a gold medalist in the BC Tigers Soccer Tournaments, his achievements in music, as a solo performer, and his volunteer work within his community were instrumental in his selection.

Gibson Clark, 18, is a recipient of the \$100,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Ecole Ballenas Secondary School in Parksville, BC, Clark will be entering the Bachelor of Applied Science program this fall. Clark's academic achievements as well as his pursuit of learning through the establishment of school clubs, self-directed study, and volunteering both within engineering and with his community, were key components of his selection.

Miranda Andersen, 18, is a recipient of the \$80,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Burnaby Mountain Secondary School in Burnaby, BC, Andersen will be entering the Bachelor of Science program this fall. Andersen was named the top student of her year as well as the top student in biology at Burnaby Mountain, and also swam competitively in the Canadian Swimming Championships. These achievements, alongside her leadership in filmmaking to educate her community on environmental issues and her selection as keynote speaker for the Leadership Society of BC, were part of her selection as a

Schulich Scholar.

Andrew Tong, 18, is a recipient of the \$80,000 *Schulich Leader Scholarship*. A graduate of **Robert A. McMath Secondary School in Richmond, BC**, Tong will be entering the **Bachelor of Science** program this fall. Tong won two awards for his academic achievements in **Information and Technology**, and was also the **founder and manager of the Animation Academy**, a program for youth to learn to code and animate, and the **McMath Social Club**, for students and teens in Richmond.

"This year, UBC received a record number of applications for the *Schulich Leader* awards – 265 in total – and the calibre of the applicants was so high that UBC was one of only five Canadian universities winning four scholarships instead of two as in previous years," noted **President Santa Ono**. **"I am extremely proud of these four students, and I look forward to hearing about their achievements in the years ahead."**

"*Schulich Leader* scholarship recipients are the best and brightest STEM students in Canada," says **Schulich**. **I truly believe that many of these students will make great contributions to society, both on a national and global scale. With their university expenses covered, they can focus their time on their studies, research projects, extracurriculars, and entrepreneurial ventures. They are the next generation of technology innovators."**

About *Schulich Leader* Scholarships

Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious entrance scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel. Recognizing the increasing importance and impact that STEM disciplines will have on the prosperity of future generations, businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established this \$100 million scholarship fund in 2011 to encourage our best and brightest students to become the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

This program awards 100 scholarships annually, valued at more than \$7million. High schools across the country put forth more than 1,300 *Schulich Leader* Nominees who were vying for 50 Canadian scholarships. *Schulich Leaders* can devote their full time and attention to their studies, as all of their financial needs are covered over the course of their degree. Canada's highest potential students are winning these scholarships and will make remarkable contributions to society.

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