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Four students entering STEM programs at Waterloo win coveted scholarship

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Four incoming first-year students at the University of Waterloo have won [Schulich Leader Scholarships](#), which encourage them to embrace science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

The winners, called Schulich Leaders, receive between \$80,000 and \$100,000 towards their university education. UWaterloo's high number of interested and qualifying students for these prestigious awards mean the University is one of only five across Canada to award four scholarships instead of the usual two.

"Schulich Leader Scholarships are the largest STEM scholarships in Canada. With 50 outstanding students selected each year from across Canada, this group represents the best and brightest Canada has to offer," said Seymour Schulich, founder of the program. "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, extracurricular, and entrepreneurial ventures. They are the next generation of technology innovators."

The following are the University of Waterloo's 2018 Schulich Leaders:

- Advait Maybhate, Waterloo, Ont.: Computer Science, \$80,000
- Yunfei (Robin) Wen, Saskatoon, Sask.: Mathematics, \$80,000
- David Gu, Richmond Hill, Ont.: Software Engineering, \$100,000
- Atif Mahmud, Kitchener, Ont.: Software Engineering, \$100,000

"The Schulich Foundation's support of STEM education is an investment in Canada's future innovation and competitiveness," said Feridun Hamdullahpur, president and vice-chancellor of Waterloo. "These generous awards also give these exceptional first-year students the freedom to fully participate in campus life."

This year, there were more than 1,400 nominees from across Canada vying for the 50 scholarships.

About Schulich Leader Scholarships Canada

Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious entrance scholarships awarded to 50 high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at 20 partner universities in Canada. Each year, every high school in Canada can submit one Schulich Leader Nominee based on academic excellence in STEM, entrepreneurial leadership and financial need.

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 2012 to encourage our best and brightest students to become the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

About the University of Waterloo

University of Waterloo is Canada's top innovation university. With more than 36,000 students we are home to the world's largest co-operative education system of its kind. Our unmatched entrepreneurial culture, combined with an intensive focus on research, powers one of the top innovation hubs in the world. Find out more at uwaterloo.ca.

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