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Schulich launches job market for best and brightest

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Businesses looking to hire Canada's brightest science, technology, engineering and mathematics students are being invited to take part in an online job marketplace.

David Goodman, executive director of The Schulich Foundation, said Wednesday that the foundation is launching its Schulich Leaders Scholarship Job Marketplace on LinkedIn.com after running it as a pilot program last year.

The Schulich Foundation funds 25 engineering scholarships of \$80,000 and another 25 scholarships of \$60,000 for students going into science, technology or math every year. In the past five years, the foundation has given out 220 such scholarships and had 5,885 students nominated for them, including 271 Nova Scotians.

From this group, 1,000 have so far chosen to take part in this new job-finding program that seeks to match employers with the young university students and graduates. Another 1,500 nominees from this past year will soon also be invited to take part.

Ten multi-national companies took part in the pilot program, including GE Canada, Google Canada, 3M Canada, Rogers Canada and Venture for Canada and a group of Canadian start-ups.

With the launch of the program this year, Goodman says the foundation is now ready to welcome other companies looking for employees.

"We are looking to partner with talent acquisition departments in Canadian companies looking to reach this segment of top undergraduate students looking to find employment, whether for spring or summer internships or entry-level positions upon graduation," said Goodman.

This year, the Schulich Foundation gave two scholarships to Nova Scotians. Wolfville's Becky Balcom and Hammonds Plains' Jack DeGooyer were each awarded \$80,000 engineering scholarships.

Balcom is heading to Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., and DeGooyer to Dalhousie University.

"These scholarships should cover the majority of their costs, including tuition and living expenses," said Goodman.

Businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich founded the scholarship fund with \$100 million to encourage Canada's best and brightest to pioneer research and innovation.

He called it an investment.

"It is very important that we support exceptional students that demonstrate great leadership and embrace STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields," he said.



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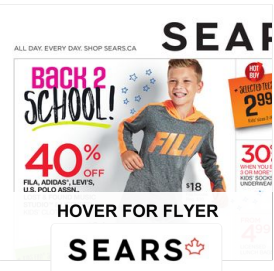


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