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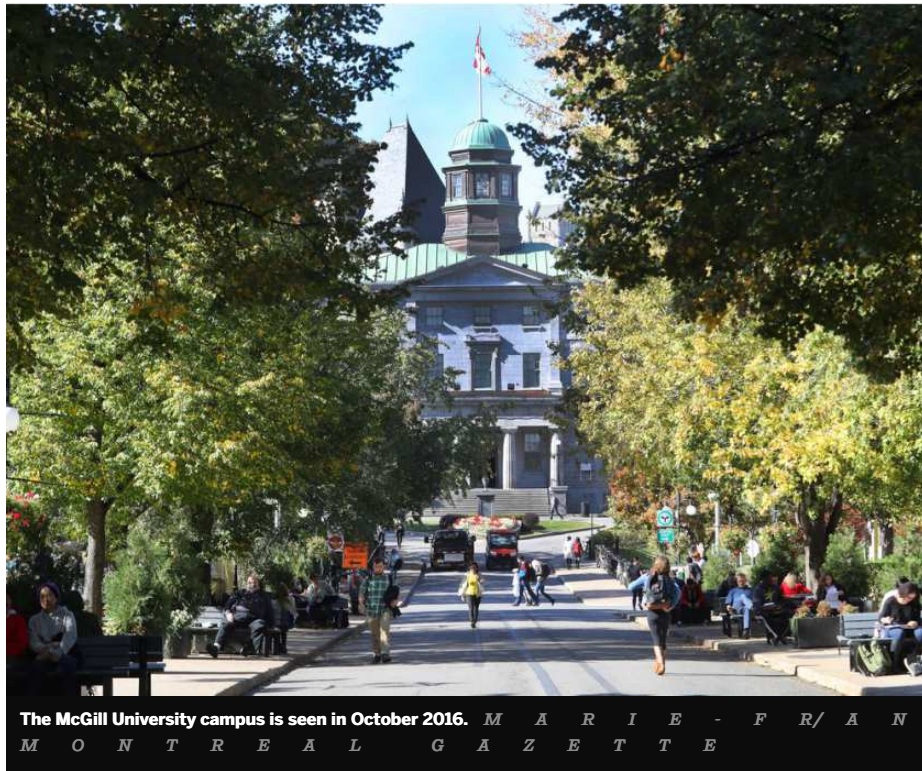
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Two McGill students were awarded prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarships, the university announced Thursday.

Katherine Sirois of Quebec and Iveta Demirova of British Columbia are two of the 50 students across Canada who received the scholarships, which encourage high-school graduates to pursue studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM).

The scholarship was started in 2011 by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich.

Sirois, 19, is the first Quebec-based student at McGill to receive the award. She is a graduate of CEGEP Édouard-Montpetit in Longueuil and Collège Durocher St-Lambert High School. Her scholarship is worth \$100,000.

She begins studying this fall in McGill's computer engineering program.

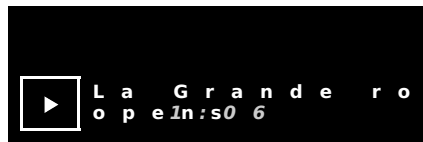
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"This scholarship gives me the opportunity to continue doing what I love and make a difference in the world through my studies," Sirois said in a statement. "My grandfather and both my parents attended McGill and it is a great honour to follow in their footsteps."

Demirova received an \$80,000 scholarship and will study in the Biological, Biomedical & Life Sciences program. The 18-year-old graduated from New Westminster Secondary School in New Westminster, B.C.

"Winning a Schulich Leader Scholarship means the world to me," Demirova said. "It gives me the financial freedom to dedicate my efforts to developing as a scientist, and I look forward to pursuing studies at a university which values academic excellence, research, critical thinking, curiosity and community."



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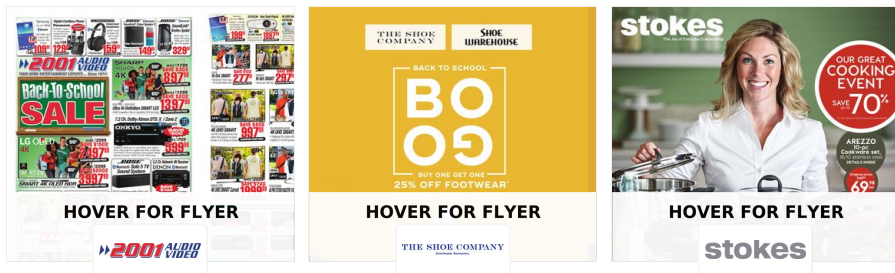
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