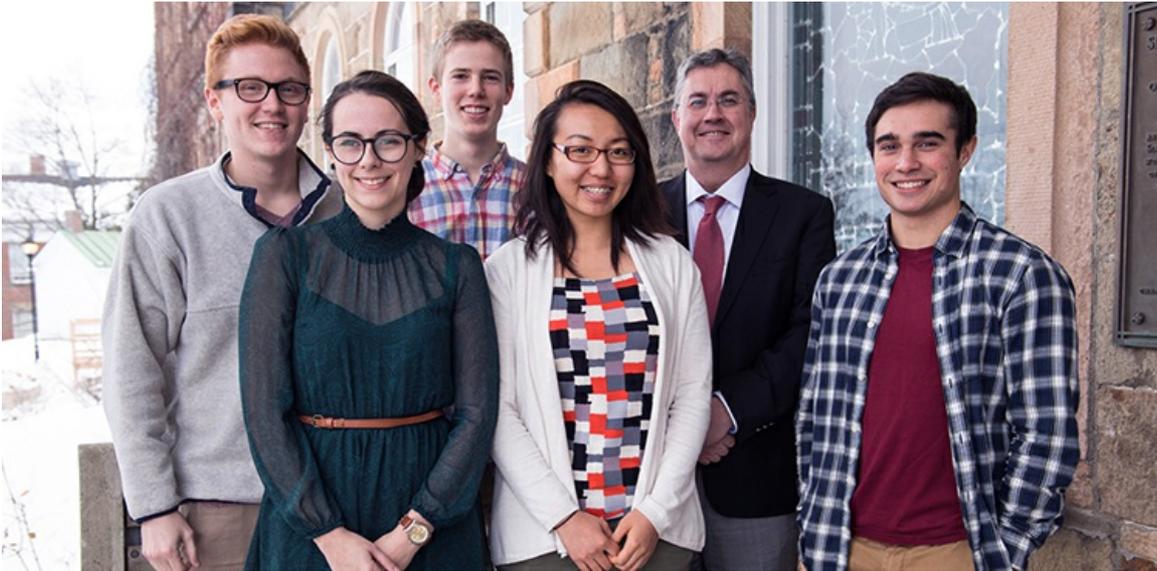


Investment in students primary focus of *It Begins Here* campaign at UNB



The University of New Brunswick boasts some of the brightest students in the country, and that's why they come first. It begins here by working harder and together to offer these students the financial support they need. Scholarships reward hard work and allow us to attract top students from across Canada and around the world, thus continuing to provide a richer campus experience for both students and faculty.

At UNB, great things come together and through the generosity of those who support the university, such as the Schulich Foundation, UNB has created an environment where people think creatively and critically, ideas are shared, research changes lives and students enjoy a truly transformative experience. In 2011, Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich created an annual scholarship program that partners with 20 universities across Canada, including UNB, to encourage promising high school graduates to embrace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in their future careers.

In 2017, a pair of Schulich Leaders at UNB - Michael Gilbert of Stephenville, N.L. and ShuaiJin (Jenny) Wang of Saint John, N.B. were honoured when they were named [Sir Howard Douglas Scholars](#), recognizing students who have completed at least two years of their bachelor's degree program, achieved academic excellence and actively participated in co-curricular or extracurricular activities.

Michael is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program with honors in Medicinal Chemistry. He was named a Schulich Leader in 2013 and was recognized for his involvement as a Special Olympics track and field coach, a Shad Valley program assistant, peer mentor, and Women in Transition House/Bed Push volunteer.

Jenny is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program with honors in Biology-Chemistry and was named a Schulich Leader in 2014. She was recognized as a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Society, Pine Grove Nursing Home and as a tutor for Frontier College.

In 2017-18, the value of each Schulich Leaders Scholarship will increase by \$20,000 to \$100,000 for a student enrolled in an engineering program and \$80,000 for a student enrolled in a science, technology or mathematics program. This past year, there were over 1,500 Schulich Leader Nominees from across Canada vying for 50 scholarships. Since inception, 220 students have received this celebrated scholarship, including 10 at the University of New Brunswick.

To be considered for this scholarship, the student must be nominated by their high school. [The Schulich Leader Nominee](#) deadline is February 1 each year. Current UNB Saint John Schulich Leaders met with UNB President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Eddy Campbell and former UNB Schulich Leader Dulanga Ranasinghe recently.

Dr. Campbell congratulated them all on their academic success and saluted the impact the Schulich Awards are having at the university.

[Meet the 2016 Schulich Leaders](#)

For Finnegan Kummer, a graduate of Tantramar High School in Sackville, and Catherine Hall, a graduate of Carleton North Senior High School in Florenceville-Bristol, earning the prestigious Schulich Scholarship came after years of academic success, extensive community volunteerism and excellence in sports and music.

"High School was a spot to find what I liked and what I did not like and discover where I wanted to go into the future," said Catherine, a 2016 recipient of the Schulich Leader Scholarship who is enrolled in the Bachelor of Sciences program at UNB Saint John.

Finnegan is enrolled in the first year of his Bachelor of Engineering program at UNB in Fredericton.

"Being so involved is a challenge but it is rewarding," he said. "It is giving back to the community. I enjoy working with and leading others."

It begins here.

This is just one of the many ways the [It Begins Here campaign](#) is helping UNB's students succeed. And so much more. Join us.

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