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### Two UdeM students receive generous Schulich Leader Scholarships

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Laurence Poirier-Blanchette

Two students on campus at the Université de Montréal have been each awarded a prestigious **Schulich LeaderScholarship**. Laurence Poirier-Blanchette and Lucas Ruel received the thrilling news just as they were beginning their university studies at UdeM and Polytechnique Montréal, respectively.

Ms. Poirier-Blanchette has been admitted to the faculty of medicine and will receive a \$60,000 scholarship, while Mr. Ruel, who is enrolling in the bachelor's program in chemical engineering, will receive \$80,000.

The annual **Schulich Leader Scholarships** program rewards students from across Canada who have achieved distinction through excellence in their academic studies and active involvement in their community, and who plan to enrol in the undergraduate program of a participating university in one of the following disciplines: science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

LAURENCE POIRIER-BLANCHETTE

Laurence Poirier-Blanchette exhibits a great sense of commitment and a constant desire to have a positive impact on her environment. She has used her creativity and enthusiasm in a video production to raise awareness about Down syndrome. She was also engaged as a volunteer working with two young people who have intellectual disabilities at a summer camp in Ontario. And she has travelled to Argentina, where she was involved in an orphanage. Her numerous activities, sensitivity, vision and strong convictions will help her be a true change leader in society.

LUCAS RUEL

*Lucas Ruel is a student at the Université de Montréal.*

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