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Students at University of Toronto receive Canada's largest STEM scholarship Universities announce their 2016 Schulich Leader Scholarship winners

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Toronto, ON – Kevin Han, Jun Ran Xu, Haleema Khan and Sabrina Cruz have been named University of Toronto's recipients of the prestigious *Schulich Leader* Scholarships.

Created in 2011 by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich, this annual scholarship program encourages promising high school graduates to embrace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in their future careers. This year, there were over 1,500 *Schulich Leader* Nominees from across Canada vying for 50 scholarships, valued at up to \$80,000 each. Since inception, 220 students have received this celebrated scholarship.

Kevin Han, 18, is a recipient of the \$80,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Dr. Frank J. Hayden Secondary School in Burlington, Ontario, Han will be entering the Faculty of the Applied Science and Engineering program this fall.

Jun Ran Xu, 18, is a recipient of the \$80,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Aurora High School in Aurora, Ontario, Xu will be entering the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering program this fall.

Haleema Khan, 18, is a recipient of the \$60,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Khan will be entering the Life Sciences program at the Faculty of Arts and Science Victoria College this fall. She will be a Victoria College student.

Sabrina Cruz, 18, is a recipient of the \$60,000 *Schulich Leader* Scholarship. A graduate of Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax, Ontario, Cruz will be entering the Math & Physical Science program at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences this fall. She will be an Innis College student.

"It is very important that we support exceptional students that demonstrate great leadership and embrace STEM fields," said Schulich. "It is an investment not only in their future, but the future of our country. Their pursuits are sure to lead to key innovations in the years ahead."

About *Schulich Leader* Scholarships

Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious entrance scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel. 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 2011 to encourage our best and brightest students to be the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation. This program awards 100 scholarships annually, valued at more than \$5.5 million. *Schulich Leaders* can devote their full time and attention to their studies, as all of their financial needs are covered over the course of their degree. As a result, many of our highest potential students are winning these scholarships and will make great contributions to society.

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