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# SFU's Jasmine Rai is one of 50 students in Canada to receive a Schulich scholarship

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**NEW** student Jasmine Rai of Simon Fraser University is one of 50 recipients of the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarships, awarded annually to high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel, SFU announced on Thursday.

(The names of the recipients of the scholarship were first announced in June).

Rai, a graduate of Princess Margaret Secondary School in Surrey, receives \$80,000. She begins her studies at SFU this September. Rai is pursuing a bachelor of science with a joint major in computer science as well as molecular biology and biochemistry. She was selected for her outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements, which are core requirements for the scholarship.

Rai says: "The Schulich Leader Scholarship will continue to open many doors for me as I can continue to explore my interests and pursue my passion without any worries of financial burden. As a recipient of this prestigious award, I am excited to have this opportunity to be a part of this vast network of young innovators. I hope to channel my passion for STEM to create opportunities for the betterment of society."

Upon graduation from Princess Margaret Rai, who also boasts a perfect 4.00 grade point average, has earned multiple academic awards in mathematics, science and language arts. Outside of the classroom, she volunteered countless hours as a peer tutor at her school as well as tutoring young neighbourhood children in STEM-related courses.

**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 become the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

This program awards 100 scholarships annually, valued at more than \$7 million. High schools across the country put forth more than 1,200 Schulich Leader nominations, resulting in 50 Canadian and Israeli Schulich Leader recipients.

more than 1,300 Schulich Leader nominees who were vying for 50 Canadian scholarships. 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. Canada's highest potential students are winning these scholarships and will make remarkable contributions to society.

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