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## Two UdeM students receive generous Schulich Leader Scholarships

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Two students on campus at the Université de Montréal have been each awarded a prestigious *Schulich Leader Scholarship*. **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

Besides having an outstanding academic record, Lucas Ruel has also held a job in order to help finance his studies. He is determined, mature and socially involved, and the balance he has achieved is a fine illustration of the three attributes sought in scholarship candidates: academic excellence, leadership and a need for financial support.

### About the *Schulich Leader Scholarships*

Created in 2011 by entrepreneur and philanthropist Seymour Schulich, Schulich Leader Scholarships are 40 undergraduate scholarships awarded annually to students pursuing undergraduate studies in STEM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This \$100 million scholarship program is the largest undergraduate STEM scholarship opportunity in Canada and the second-largest endowment to Canadian academia in history. A sister program in Israel distributes 35 awards at five participating universities with over \$1 million worth of scholarships annually. Schulich Leader Scholarships are administered and represented by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

The UdeM encourages eligible students to submit a scholarship application. More details are available online at [schulichleaders.com](http://schulichleaders.com).

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