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### Schulich Leader Scholarships for \$80,000 and \$60,000 per student announce 2015 winners

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TORONTO, ON — Christopher Choquette, Daniel McInnis, Julia Won and Annie Yao 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 in their future careers. This year, there were 1,250 *Schulich Leader* Nominees from across Canada vying for these 50 new scholarships. Now in its fourth year, 170 students from across the country are *Schulich Leader* Scholars, and have received \$11 million in support.

Christopher Choquette, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$80,000. A graduate of Riverdale Collegiate Institute in Toronto, Choquette will be entering the Applied Science and Engineering program this fall.

Daniel McInnis, 17, is a recipient of the award valued at \$80,000. A graduate of St. Francis Xavier High School in Ottawa, McInnis will be entering the Applied Science and Engineering program this fall.

Julia Won, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$60,000. A graduate of Father Michael Goetz School in Mississauga, Won will be entering the Life Sciences Program at Trinity College this fall.

Annie Yao, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$60,000. Yao will be entering the Life Sciences Program at Trinity College this fall.

"Fostering leadership in STEM fields is vital to Canada's economic prosperity," said Seymour Schulich. "It is immensely important to invest in the next generation of technology innovators as they develop and hone their minds and skills to contribute to our national and global community. This country has already produced exceptional *Schulich Leaders* since its founding in 2011. Every year, our mission is to support outstanding students in pursuit of their dreams".

#### 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 2012 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 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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For more information visit: [www.schulichleaders.com](http://www.schulichleaders.com)

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