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

VANCOUVER, August 20 — Arthur Chen, Anita Mahinpei, Aishwarya Roshan and Rika Sugimoto Dimitrova have been named the University of British Columbia'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.

In 2015, UBC received two additional awards of \$80,000 and \$60,000 for incoming Engineering and Science students. Including this year's Scholars, 10 UBC students have received awards totaling \$660,000.

Arthur Chen, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$80,000. A graduate of North Surrey Secondary School in Surrey, BC, Chen will be entering the Engineering program in the Faculty of Applied Science this fall. Chen is an avid participant and frequent winner of many academic competitions, is active in the Model United Nations and launched a fundraising campaign for the UN's humanitarian missions.

Rika Sugimoto Dimitrova, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$80,000. A graduate of Semiahmoo Secondary School in Surrey, BC, Sugimoto Dimitrova will also be entering the Engineering program in the Faculty of Applied Science. Sugimoto Dimitrova is a mentor to both peers and younger students, is an accomplished chess player and winner of the 2014 Vancouver Brain Bee, a regional neuroscience competition.

Anita Mahinpei, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$60,000. A graduate of Carson Graham Secondary in North Vancouver, BC, Mahinpei will be entering the Faculty of Science. Mahinpei volunteers in her community, co-founded a school Diversity Club and organized a "quantum leaps" conference to inspire girls interested in STEM fields.

Aishwarya Roshan, 18, is a recipient of the award valued at \$60,000. A graduate of Moscrop Secondary School in Burnaby, BC, Roshan will also be entering the Faculty of Science. A professional classical Indian dancer, Roshan is also a recipient of the City

of Burnaby Youth Citizenship Award for her extensive volunteer work in the community.

Chen, Sugimoto Dimitrova, Mahinpei and Roshan were selected for their outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements, core requirements for the award.

“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.

About the University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is one of North America’s largest public research and teaching institutions, and is consistently ranked among the world’s 40 best universities. Surrounded by the beauty of the Canadian West, it is a place that inspires bold, new ways of thinking that have helped make it a national leader in areas as diverse as community service learning, sustainability and research commercialization. UBC offers more than 58,000 students a range of innovative programs and attracts \$519 million per year in research funding from government, non-profit organizations and industry through over 8,000 projects and grants.

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