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Two incoming first-year students - Vivian Tsang and Cheng Xie - will receive a combined \$140,000 over four years from the Schulich Leader Scholarships program to study at the University of British Columbia.

Schulich Leader Scholarships recognize and support students across Canada who demonstrate excellence in academics and community leadership and plan to study in a STEM (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) faculty during their undergraduate degree.

Cheng Xie is 15 years old and a recent graduate of The University Transition Program, a partnership between the Vancouver School Board and The University of British Columbia as a Provincial Resource Program for academically gifted students in 1995. Xie has medaled in youth science competitions in both Canada and Germany, has tutored peers and supported students who were recent immigrants to Canada. He also spent a summer as a volunteer at UBC's Earth and Ocean Sciences research lab, a position typically reserved for Engineering Co-op students. This fall Xie will study Engineering in UBC's Faculty of Applied Science.

Vivian Tsang is an environmental advocate, choir singer, peer counsellor and top academic student at Vancouver's Magee Secondary School. Tsang has volunteered over 1000 hours for school and community projects, such as spearheading Growing Green, an elementary school outreach program focusing on gardening projects to engage elementary school students in environmental education. She is a member of the KidsCan Youth Advisory Group run through UBC and BC Children's hospital. Tsang is passionate about healthcare and healthy living and is excited to be entering UBC's Faculty of Science this fall.

Tsang and Xie were selected from a pool of Schulich Leader Nominees who applied their nomination to UBC. Every Canadian high school and secondary school could nominate one student each, and CEGEP could nominate two students each to be eligible to receive the scholarship. In 2014, 40 students were awarded scholarships out of 1,147 nominees.

BACKGROUND

Schulich Leader Scholarships were created by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich and are being fully funded by The Schulich Foundation. The administration of the program is a function of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. In addition to the Canadian program, a similar Schulich Leader Scholarships program is being carried out in Israel. The historic \$100 million scholarship initiative was implemented to secure the future economic competitiveness of Canada and Israel and is designed to ensure that future Canadian and Israeli leaders are among the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

Learn more about the Schulich Leader Scholarships program at: <http://schulichleaders.com/>

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