

UNB students awarded largest-ever Canadian scholarship to study science, technology, engineering and math

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Sonja Power and Shuaijin (Jenny) Wang have been named the University of New Brunswick's recipients of [Schulich Leader Scholarships](#) for students entering undergraduate studies in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).

Created by Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich three years ago, the annual awards program encourages high school graduates to embrace STEM disciplines in their future careers. This year, there were 1,147 Schulich Leader Nominees.

Two scholarship recipients – "Schulich Leaders" – are selected at each participating university. One undergraduate scholarship valued at \$80,000 is designated for a student pursuing a degree in an engineering program. The second undergraduate scholarship, valued at \$60,000 is awarded to a student pursuing a degree in a science, technology or mathematics program (non-engineering based).

Sonja Power, 17, is the recipient of the award valued at \$80,000. A graduate of Sir John A. Macdonald High School in Upper Tantallon, Nova Scotia, Power will be entering the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering program at UNB. Power was one of the top students at her high school, where she captained the school's math team and served on audio-visual tech and paint crews for school productions. She also teaches science at Nova Scotia's Discovery Centre, raises funds for Phoenix House, a shelter for disadvantaged women, teens and children, volunteers at St. Margaret's Bay Mason's Lodge and participates in aikido, a Japanese martial art.

Shuaijin (Jenny) Wang, 18, is the recipient of the award valued at \$60,000. A graduate of St. Malachy's Memorial High School in Saint John, New Brunswick, Wang will be pursuing a degree in science, technology or mathematics at UNB. Wang enjoyed a strong academic career at St. Malachy's, where she served as vice-president of the Cultural Fusion Club for international students and was the school valedictorian. She is an award-winning violinist, co-concert master of the senior orchestra and a member of the 2015 Canada Games badminton training team.

"Fostering leadership in STEM fields is vital to Canada's economic prosperity," said Seymour Schulich. "A scholarship of this size will motivate high school students from across the country to pursue their dream and in the process help to ensure our country's competitive position. This scholarship, now in its third year, has positively impacted 120 students from across the country in 10 provinces, distributing more than \$7.6 million to Canadian Schulich Leaders since 2012."

Open to every high school, secondary school and CEGEP across Canada, Schulich Leader Scholarships recognize Canadian students who plan to study one of the STEM disciplines during their undergraduate years at university. These students demonstrate two of the following attributes: academic excellence, outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leadership or financial need.

About 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.

About the University of New Brunswick

The University of New Brunswick (UNB) is one of Canada's oldest English-language universities and one of the first public universities established in North America. Founded in 1785, the multi-campus institution is home to over 60 research centres and institutes, groups and ongoing projects. The university offers over 75 undergraduate and graduate programs in 100 disciplines. UNB has over 10,500 students from more than 100 countries, and several thousand more take UNB courses online and at partner institutions around the world. Recently named Canada's most entrepreneurial university, UNB continues to be a leader in discovery and innovation while providing exceptional and transformative student experiences.

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Schulich Leader, Sonya Power, received \$80,000 to study at UNB.



Schulich Leader, Jenny Wang, has received \$60,000 to study at UNB.

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