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Calgary part of Seymour Schulich's \$100 million new scholarship program

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The University of Calgary is one of 25 universities designated to take part in the second largest education endowment in Canada's history.

Seymour Schulich announced a gift of \$100 million earlier this month to create the Schulich Leaders Scholarships, awards for students with leadership potential entering science, technology, engineering and math programs.

"What I am trying to do in Canada is equivalent to the Rhodes Scholarship," said Schulich. "I'm trying to emulate my own experience, just like Cecil Rhodes did."

Schulich studied engineering and chemistry at McGill before going into business, and credits a scholarship he received as the trigger for his success. He says his scholarships are not as much about science and engineering as they are about creating leaders.

"This is an example of Seymour Schulich's great leadership and vision. His generosity and investment in future leaders is truly remarkable and we are proud to be a partner university in this prestigious initiative," says Elizabeth Cannon, president of the University of Calgary. Schulich has given more than \$250 million to universities and hospitals in Canada, the U.S. and Israel. In 2005 he invested \$25 million to name the engineering school at the University of Calgary. The Schulich School of Engineering and the Faculty of Science at the University of Calgary are known for their strength in the areas covered by the new awards.

"As the engineering school in the engineering capital of Canada, we have a strong focus on leadership. The wisdom of these new scholarships—based on financial need and leadership qualities as well as academic strength—are well aligned with the spirit of leadership we embrace at the Schulich School of Engineering. Highly motivated people can accomplish great things," says Guy Gendron, dean of the Schulich School of Engineering at the University of Calgary.

Once fully implemented in 2014, the new scholarship program will provide 75 students annually with Schulich Leader Scholarships. Three of these will be at the University of Calgary.

The first scholarships will be awarded next year. All high schools, secondary schools or CEGEPs in Canada and Israel will be able to submit one Schulich Leader Nominee each by Jan. 16, 2012. The 25 universities involved will pick the recipients, based on financial need, leadership ability and academic excellence. Each university will award one Schulich Leader in the first year for a total of 25, with a planned increase to 75 students by 2014.

Eventually the endowment will generate \$5 million annually and be indexed to inflation. The United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Toronto has been chosen to administer the scholarship.

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