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Mulgrave School IB graduate Hannah Rahim has set out to minimize the deepening disparities in health care access and, while doing so, earned Canada's largest STEM scholarship. One of only seven students in British Columbia to be awarded the prestigious national Schulich Leader Scholarship, Ms. Rahim will use the funds to attend the University of Calgary where she will study Health Sciences starting this fall.

Last year, after attending a series of lectures by physicians and researchers at the Child and Family Research Institute (CFRI), Ms. Rahim turned dismay into action and applied to a summer research studentship to work in the CFRI lab. Her application resulted in an invitation to work with Dr. Wendy Norman to conduct research regarding evidence-informed familyplanning policy and practice to improve health and health equity.

"I am honoured and humbled by the opportunities this award will offer me," shared Ms. Rahim. "Over the past year, I have had the chance to both learn and be inspired by the clinical applications and social and ethical implications of research in various health fields and I am motivated to dedicate myself to finding better ways to treat diseases worldwide and make these treatments accessible to those most in need. This award will help me achieve my ultimate professional goal of becoming a clinician-scientist so I am able to both conduct research and also witness the direct impact of that research on my patients."

Ms. Rahim was selected from among 1,500 nominees for her academic success and leadership. In addition to academic excellence, Ms. Rahim has served as Senior Prefect, captain of Mulgrave's cross-country team and founder of Digital Good, a club combining technology, arts and service to advocate for human rights and social good in overseas countries. Moreover, she is an accomplished pianist having scored the highest mark in Level 10 RCM Piano in the entire North Shore Region.

Schulich Leader Scholarships was established in 2012 to encourage Canada's best and brightest students to become the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation. According to Mr. Seymour Schulich "Ensuring our nation's competitiveness in the knowledge-based economy is an imperative. We take great pride knowing the Schulich Foundation is ensuring Canada's top minds entering STEM disciplines will become the next generation of technology innovators."



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