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SCHOLARS

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SCHOLARS

The McCall MacBain Scholarships are Canada's first comprehensive, leadership-driven scholarships for master's and professional degree studies. Announced in 2019, the McCall MacBain Scholarships are the result of a \$200-million gift by John and Marcy McCall MacBain and their Foundation.

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FOUNDATION

The McCall MacBain Foundation's mission is to improve the welfare of humanity by providing scholarships and other educational opportunities that nurture transformational leadership, and by investing in evidence-based strategies to address climate change, preserve the natural environment, and improve health outcomes. The Foundation is a Second Century Founder of the Rhodes Trust, aiding its global expansion since 2013, and the Second Decade Founder of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships in South Africa.

# Welcome & Vision

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In 2019, we launched the McCall MacBain Scholars to support emerging leaders of exceptional character and a deep commitment to improving the lives of others to pursue master's and professional degrees at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.



In a world facing tremendous challenges, we began this work focused on equipping a generation of leaders who can thrive by bridging widening divides, by building interdisciplinary teams, and by marshalling the moral courage and entrepreneurial energy needed to address our most pressing global challenges. What began as a dream to build a catalyst for service, leadership, and connection has become a nascent and vibrant network of people using their talents to make communities around the world better.

We believe that talent is everywhere, but opportunity is not. Thanks to the thoughtful work of our exceptional volunteers, university partners, and outreach team, we are thrilled to see this mission resonate around the world. Our fifth class of scholars, finalist and regional award recipients were selected from applicants who have studied at over 1,900 postsecondary institutions in 138 countries around the world.

We are inspired by the scholars and alumni who are driven to lead with empathy, curiosity, and integrity, and by the mentors, volunteers, and partners who give their time and wisdom so generously. Seeing this community flourish strengthens our collective vision of what collaboration can achieve. Thank you.

As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to empower the next generation of leaders to learn deeply, serve humbly, and lead with purpose.

Our heartfelt appreciation to our volunteers, partners, donors, scholars, fellow board directors, and staff for your dedication to bringing this vision to life.

Together, we are investing in hope for a better world.

Sincerely,

Marcy McCall MacBain  
Chair & Co-founder

John McCall MacBain  
Vice-Chair & Co-founder



## *This past year has been one of growth and collaboration.*

Together, we continue to select and support scholars, finalists and regional award recipients – up to 130 each year – who approach challenges with determination, kindness, and courage and who are deeply committed to improving the lives of others.

In 2025, we welcomed our fifth cohort of McCall MacBain Scholars. These 30 inspiring individuals join a vibrant community of 97 scholars and alumni who are already driving impact, whether advancing equitable healthcare, reimagining education systems, or developing sustainable technologies.

Our interdisciplinary leadership program, combined with personalized mentorship and professional coaching, continues to equip scholars with the tools and confidence to lead with clarity and compassion.

None of this progress would be possible without our outstanding partners, mentors, volunteers, staff team, board, and the ongoing partnership with the McCall MacBain Foundation and McGill University.

Thank you for investing in our shared future, for the benefit of us all.

With gratitude,

Natasha Sawh

# About the Program

In 2019, John and Marcy McCall MacBain announced the creation of the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill. With this landmark \$200-million gift, the then-largest in Canadian history, the McCall MacBain Foundation and McGill University established the country's most generous and comprehensive scholarship at the master's and professional levels.

A global community of more than 500 volunteers have supported the selection and growth of scholars since the inception of the program. Over the course of our selection process, a McCall MacBain Scholarship applicant is assessed by up to 10 different volunteers. Our selection committees look for long-term potential for purposeful and entrepreneurial leadership, and a track record of community engagement.

With additional awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000, up to 150 students will be supported at any given time, including up to 75 scholars who receive comprehensive funding and leadership development programming. Current students represent the first few of many generations to come.



## **\$3M+ in scholarships and awards per year**

We offer up to 30 full scholarships and 100 one-time entrance awards to our top candidates, representing a \$3 million annual commitment in tuition and living costs alone.

## **100+ scholars in our community**

Since 2021, more than 100 students have benefited from funding, mentorship, coaching, and leadership programming as McCall MacBain Scholars.

## **200+ universities support applicants**

Universities in Canada and around the world participate in the McCall MacBain Scholarships by encouraging their students and alumni to apply.

## **500+ volunteers have helped select scholars**

Canadian and international leaders volunteer their time to read applications and interview the most promising candidates.

McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill is a registered Canadian charity. We work in close partnership with the McCall MacBain Foundation and McGill University.

# Scholar Impact

## How Scholars Benefit



### LEADING WITH PURPOSE

- Bi-weekly leadership seminars and workshops
- Peer-led leadership labs
- Case studies
- Summer Intensive
- Community engagement workshops
- Place-based learning



### MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

- Experienced mentor
- Professional coaching
- Advisors
- McCall MacBain House
- French classes
- Elder-in-residence

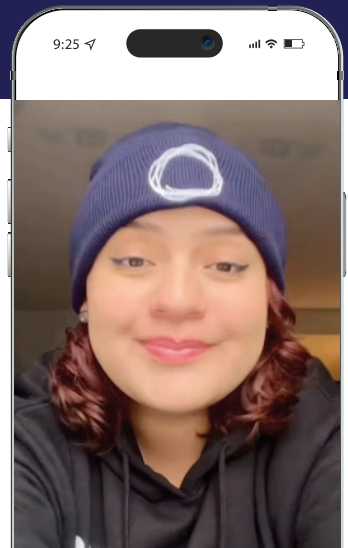


### FULL FUNDING

- Tuition and fees
- Living stipend
- Relocation grant
- Summer funding

## Scholar Story

Originally from Aguascalientes, Mexico, Shalom (Class of 2024) is pursuing her master's in aerospace engineering at McGill. A passionate STEM advocate, she previously led her university's astronomy society, developed initiatives to share space sciences with underrepresented communities, and co-created a student-led scholarship initiative at Tecnológico de Monterrey.



## Where Our Scholars Are From

127

Scholars  
to Date

27

Countries  
of Birth

78

Cities

62

Postsecondary  
Institutions

53

McGill Programs  
of Study



Since arriving in Montréal, Shalom has embraced new challenges, pursuing graduate studies in a second language while actively contributing to her science outreach initiative focused on bringing space education to underserved youth in Mexico through free workshops, talks, and interactive activities. This winter, she offered a behind-the-scenes glimpse into her daily life through a “day in the life” video and organized a festive gift exchange that brought warmth during the holidays.

With a deep commitment to equity, education, and engineering, Shalom continues to uplift others while reaching for the stars.

*Mentor: Bernadette Sandoval, Independent Consultant*



# 2024 Cohort

Our 2024 cohort includes 29 scholars, representing 26 cities, 27 universities, and 11 countries. Together, they are pursuing 23 different programs at McGill.



**Al-Amin Ahamed**  
MPP, Public Policy  
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Canada



**Firuza Huseynova**  
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Canada



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MBA, Business  
Administration  
South Hazelton, BC,  
Canada



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BCL/JD, Law  
Gatineau, QC,  
Canada



**Samson Ekeno**  
Lokwakai  
MEng, Electrical  
Engineering  
Turkana, Kenya



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MSc, Human Nutrition  
Muhanga,  
Rwanda



**Ivana Okaro**  
MSc, Neuroscience  
Calgary, AB,  
Canada



**Selen Calgin**  
MDCM, Medicine  
Kanata, ON,  
Canada



**Cristina Batalla**  
MUP, Urban Planning  
Taguig,  
Philippines



**Katherine Bazin**  
MSc, Chemistry  
Winnipeg, MB,  
Canada



**Shalom Zurisadai**  
Carmona Gallegos  
MEng, Aerospace  
Engineering  
Aguaascalientes, Mexico



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MSc, Mechanical  
Engineering  
Lamboya,  
Ghana



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Leadership  
Kolkata, India



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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



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Canada



**Païge Boklaschuk**  
MSc, Epidemiology  
Calgary, AB,  
Canada

# Scholar Voices

“As someone who spent the majority of my schooling in Rwanda’s public schools, becoming a McCall MacBain Scholar through an international competitive process makes me very proud of not just myself, but also Rwanda’s educational system. I encourage young girls from villages like myself to take advantage of the chances for girls’ education provided by the Rwandan government. This scholarship is not only life-changing but a dream coming true.”

- **Clarisse**

“My coaching process was one of the highlights of my year. In the fall, I was a bit hesitant about what it would lead to, as I’d never had a similar experience in the past. Today, I have to say that I’m extremely grateful for having had the chance to take advantage of it, as it really contributed to my personal growth and will serve me well for years to come.”

- **Félix**

“My experience moving to Montreal was very exciting as I spent a lot of time in Montreal and toured McGill campus as a competitive athlete. The highlight of my transition was enjoying the aspects of Montreal that I did not have access to in Calgary—a vibrant downtown campus, art scene, and bikeable city.”

- **Paige**

# Programming Highlights



## Summer Intensive (Retreat)

The scholar journey began with a multi-day summer intensive at the Kenauk Institute, featuring activities designed to build the foundation for their time together, deepen understanding of the scholarship program, and set goals for the year.



## Leadership Sessions and Workshops From the Year

- Community Engagement
- Board Governance
- Entrepreneurship
- Facilitating Difficult Conversations
- Giving and Receiving Feedback
- Leadership for Workplace Well-being
- Networking
- Strategic Planning
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples & Climate Diplomacy
- Groupthink

## John and Marcy Connecting with Scholars

During the Fall term, John and Marcy McCall MacBain, founders of the McCall MacBain Foundation, welcomed the 2024 Scholars as they began their graduate programs. Marcy and John also engage with scholars through other annual events, such as our welcome reception and a celebration of the graduating class during finals, among others.



## Place-Based Learning in Vancouver



Every year, our second-year scholars participate in an experiential field trip to another part of Canada. In Winter 2025, scholars spent three days in Vancouver, filled with educational sessions and immersive experiences. Thanks to YWCA Vancouver, former Victoria mayor Lisa Helps, Ocean Wise, Talaysay Tours, UBC Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre, Arts Umbrella, Skipper Otto, Nature United, and the Vancouver Chinese Garden, for sharing your expertise and for the warm welcome to Vancouver!

### SCHOLAR PROFILE



**Sage Duquette** (Class of 2022) recently began bar school after completing his law degree last term, with a focus on Indigenous and constitutional law. In the winter term of 2025, he worked at JFK Law in Toronto, and earned an award at the Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Law Moot. Sage has secured an articling position with JFK Law to practice Aboriginal law and represent Indigenous communities.

Before becoming a McCall MacBain Scholar, Sage completed a bachelor's degree at Concordia University. He led the Garnet Key honours society, worked as an assistant general manager at Metro, volunteered with a political association in his district, and served as deputy leader for the *Parlement jeunesse du Québec*.

In the fall of 2024, he led a walking tour of Montréal's Old Port for fellow scholars, sharing reflections on colonial history, Indigenous rights, and the city's evolving landscape. He also builds community as captain of a cross-cohort intramural volleyball team.

*Mentor: Bruce McIvor, Partner, First Peoples Law LLP*





## Transforming Ideas into Impact Through Entrepreneurship

In March 2025, we welcomed Arvind Ramanathan, co-founder of BoxOne Ventures, and Jonathan Dumas, founder of Dunord to share valuable insights from their entrepreneurial journeys. This engaging discussion was moderated by Will Stephenson, a 2022 McCall MacBain Scholar.

### ALUMNI PROFILE

**Will Stephenson** (Class of 2022) is a data specialist with Startupfest and FWD50, where he supports innovation and entrepreneurship through analytics and strategic insight. A graduate of McMaster's Integrated Business and Humanities program, Will co-founded its student ambassador team and managed a minor hockey team. Thanks to the scholarship, he pursued a Master of Management in Analytics



to strengthen his ability to support mission-driven ventures. Will's thoughtful questions guided the panel conversation on scaling ventures and embracing risk.

Mentor: Ian Aitken, Vice Chair, Pembroke Management Ltd.

*“The McCall MacBain Scholarship was a true blessing. It opened doors to people, ideas, and opportunities I had never expected. I’ll always be grateful that I was selected.”*

# President's Lecture

We hosted our third President's Lecture in collaboration with McGill, featuring Jennifer Ditchburn, President & CEO of the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), in conversation with Pearl Eliadis, Associate Professor at the Max Bell School of Public Policy. Introduced by McGill President Deep Saini, the lecture focused on the evolving dynamics of Canada-US relations and the key issues shaping our shared future.



Watch the full video and dive deeper into the conversation by scanning this QR code.



## VOLUNTEER PROFILE



**Jennifer Ditchburn** is the President and CEO of the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), a not-for-profit organization

advancing understanding of complex public policy in Canada. A seasoned journalist and communicator, she previously served as Editor-in-Chief of Policy Options and spent 20 years reporting for The Canadian Press and CBC. Ditchburn is a three-time National Newspaper Award winner, a Charles Lynch Award recipient, and was named one of the 10 most influential Hispanic Canadians in 2015. She also sits on the board of the Banff Forum, is a fellow at Carleton University, and co-edited The Harper Factor.

*"It was such a rewarding experience to deliver the President's Lecture this spring. The McCall MacBain Scholars community is curious, engaged, and well-informed. I enjoyed the lively conversation we had about the evolving Canada-US relationship and hearing points of view drawn from around the world. I was the speaker, but I had the opportunity to hear valuable perspectives from the audience and also from Professor Pearl Eliadis, who facilitated the conversation."*

# McCall MacBain House

The McCall MacBain House is located at the entrance of McGill’s downtown campus and *is a space for scholars to gather, study, learn, and collaborate.*

Scholars attend bi-weekly leadership seminars and workshops at the McCall MacBain House. Here, they can also participate in supplemental activities to enhance their learning and well-being.



## VOLUNTEER PROFILE



**Paul Larocque** has had a career in the arts and cultural sector spanning more than three decades, and he continues to be committed to promoting the importance of the arts and arts education in this country. He is the President & CEO of Arts Umbrella, an internationally recognized leader in arts education for young people that serves 20,000 children and youth annually. He has led the 46-year-old non-profit organization through a period of significant growth, notably with the

opening of its 72,000 square-foot centre on Granville Island in 2021. Prior to his current role, Paul held the position of Associate Director at the Vancouver Art Gallery for more than a decade. For several years, Paul has served as a mentor and a volunteer with the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill, the Loran Scholars Foundation, and the Business / Arts Emerging Leaders program.

Paul holds honourable doctorate degrees from Capilano University and from Emily Carr University, in recognition of his commitment and contribution to the arts and culture sector for more than 20 years.

*“I feel it is such a privilege to volunteer for the McCall MacBain Scholars program. It is truly inspirational to meet so many of the exceptional young people involved, knowing they will help to shape the future of our world and recognizing their values, potential, and ambitions.”*

# Alumni Profile

## Racheal Opoku-Afriyie



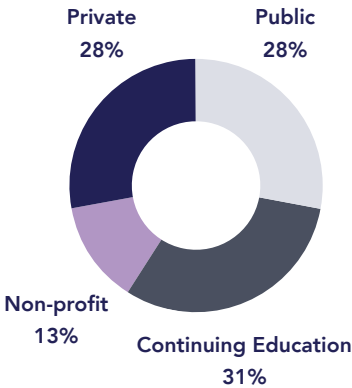
Two and a half years after visiting Canada for the first time, Racheal (Class of 2023) is helping protect Canadian nature as a Conservation Assistant with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society in Nova Scotia.

Racheal was selected as the first McCall MacBain Scholar from Ghana in 2023. She is a graduate of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, where she chaired the executive council of the Forest Resources Technology Student Association and led community education projects at Mole National Park. Her work at the park contributed to the inauguration of a honey, cassava, and shea butter factory in partnership with local communities.

Through the McCall MacBain Scholarship, Racheal earned her Master of Science in Renewable Resources from McGill University. Her research focused on community-based natural resource management and rural livelihoods in Ghana.

Mentor: Chris Henschel, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment and Climate Change Canada

*“Becoming a McCall MacBain Scholar was a life-changing experience for me. This not only paved the way for me as someone committed to my country’s development, it also helped boost the confidence of other young people from my part of the world to apply.”*



# Alumni Pathways

We currently have 62 alumni across four years, eight McGill faculties, and 37 programs. They are working across North America, Asia, and Europe in the non-profit, public, and private sectors, or continuing their education.

In 2026, we will host our inaugural alumni reunion to bring our community together and strengthen alumni connections.

# Volunteer Community

*A diverse network of leaders in Canada and abroad give their time to select, mentor, advise, or speak with McCall MacBain Scholars.*



## Selection Process

The selection of McCall MacBain Scholars is an investment in students who are developing expertise in their respective fields, have a track record of taking initiative, and seek to collaborate with others to understand and address important challenges.

Volunteers and university administrators around the world contribute their time to look for evidence of character, community engagement, leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, academic strength, and intellectual curiosity.

Most candidates are required to seek the endorsement of their university as the first step in the selection process. Each year, close to 300 leaders volunteer their time to read applications and interview candidates. In-person and online regional interviews are held for the top 250-300 candidates. Afterwards, 36 selection committees shortlist top candidates and invite them to a final round of interviews in Montreal, with travel costs covered.

The multi-interview format allows committee members to spend more time getting to know the candidates' volunteer and leadership contributions, motivations, and goals. Between interviews, candidates have time to meet current scholars and fellow candidates.

Once selected, McCall MacBain Scholars pursue a funded master's or professional degree at McGill, while participating in the Leading with Purpose program, which includes mentorship, coaching, leadership development sessions and more.

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE



**Nora Sherif Toma Mikhail** is a Cairo-based social entrepreneur, angel investor, and philanthropist. She serves as Deputy CEO of Education for Employment–Egypt and co-founded the Tiye Angels Network and the Women Entrepreneurship Network. With over 20 years of

experience in strategy and finance, Nora has worked across corporate and nonprofit sectors in 10+ regions, including Egypt, the UAE, Europe, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Her expertise spans corporate finance, investment, business strategy, development, and grants management. Nora is passionate about empowering entrepreneurs and advancing economic opportunities for women and youth across the region.

*“I love that McCall MacBain Scholarships seek out local voices from the regions they serve to have a say in their selections. It reflects genuine inclusion, respect for local knowledge, and gives me the chance to give back to my community. That’s globalization done right.”*

# Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who have invested their time to support aspiring community leaders.

Abhilash Mishra	Ayse Yasemin Orucu	Denis Côté
Abhishek Thakur	B. Pratyusha Chennupati	Desiree Lopes
Agnes Ebo'o	Barbara Crow	Dianne Daley McClure
Ahmed Ali	Beatrice Traub-Werner	Diego Gutierrez
Akosua Matthews	Benny Sandoval	Diego Luces Rosado
Akua Carmichael	Bethany Ehlmann	Dina Craissati
Alex Conliffe	Bill Brooks	Dominique Anglade
Alexandra Baillie	Billy Allan	Dylan Collins
Alexie Tcheuyap	Brittanee Laverdure	Eleanor Thompson
Alfred Burgessson	Bruce Mclvor	Eleni Bakopanos
Ali Borjian	Cameron Revington	Elizabeth Newton
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Amira Khan	Candace Thomas	Emily Turner
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Andrea Klaiber-Langen	Catherine Gauthier	Esperanza Moreno
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Anja Zeljkovic	Chris Cowperthwaite	Faith Cooper
Ann-Marie Coore	Chris Henschel	Farhana Zareef
Anne Delorme	Chris Kantowicz	Farida Zakariya
Anne McLellan	Christine Des Rosiers	Farouk Meralli
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Awa Sanou	Debbie Delisle	Graeme Hepworth



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Hawa Ba  
Heather Spratt  
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Jane Hilderman  
Jane Kearns  
Janet Smylie  
Janice Lao  
Jasmine Nahhas di Florio  
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Jean-Noel Liabeuf  
Jeffrey Robison  
Jenn Addison  
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John Mighton  
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Jon Hountalas  
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Marin MacLeod  
Marina Boulos-Winton  
Marjan Montazemi  
Mark Angelo  
Marlene Jennings  
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Martha Casey  
Martine Vanasse  
Mathieu Cretienand  
Maya Ismail  
Mélanie Le Berre  
Mélanie Valcin  
Melek El Nimer  
Melissa Moi  
Michel Brutti  
Michelle Beveridge  
Miranda Keating Erickson  
Miyo Yamashita

# Volunteers *(continued)*

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Mostafa Al-Barrad	Rajiv Kumar	Tafadzwa Muguwe
Muna Baig	Rasool Rayani	Tagbo Niepa
Murray King	Ravi Mattu	Tarek Mansour
Nabeel Al-Kady	Rick Smith	Tassia Trifiatis-Tezgel
Nadia Ponce Morales	Ruby Gill	Ted Aubut
Naim Antaki	Ruth Anne French Hodson	Teresa Alm
Nambita Mazwi	Ruth Mojeed Ramirez	Thomas Leslie
Nat Cartwright	Ryan Duly	Tim Jackson
Natalie Gerum	Saad Ahmed	Trang Nguyen
Nathalie Des Rosiers	Sadie McInnes	Travis Joern
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Placide Tapsoba	Stephanie Barker	Yolande James
Priscilla Phoon	Stephen Paterson	Yong Li
Quscondy Abdulshafi	Susan Gregson	Yuan Stevens
Rachel Pfeifer	Susan McIsaac	Zafar Muhammad
Rachel Solomon	Sydney Piggott	Zeba Ahmad

# 2025 Cohort Selection

In April 2025, we announced our next cohort, who then started their journey at the summer intensive in August. These 30 new scholars represent 22 cities, 26 universities, and 11 countries. Scan the QR code to learn about this cohort!



**Abeera Irfan**  
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Canada



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MSc, Computer Science  
São Paulo, Brazil



**Nancy Ren**  
MSc, Public Health  
Richmond, BC,  
Canada



**Andrea Vreugdenhil**  
MM, Analytics  
Bromont, QC,  
Canada



**Hamza Ashfaq**  
MBA, Management  
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**Nina Zepcan**  
MIST, Information Studies  
Glenroy, Australia



**Anthony Létourneau**  
MSc, Mechanical Engineering  
Matane, QC, Canada



**Iffat Mahjabin**  
MSc, Public Health  
Chattogram, Bangladesh



**Nonso Morah**  
MA, Education and Society  
Spruce Grove, AB, Canada



**Ayeyi Ohene-Adu**  
MPP, Public Policy  
Accra, Ghana



**James Achuli**  
MA, Political Science  
Tali, South Sudan



**Rachel Cluett**  
MA, School/Applied Child Psychology  
Neepawa, MB, Canada



**Chanel Perreault**  
BCL/JD, Law  
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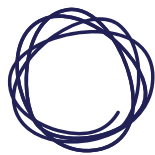
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