



# Julie Patel Foundation Award

Your 2022-23 Impact Report

**Toronto  
Metropolitan  
University**

Please note that this is a confidential donor impact report not intended for public promotion. The students featured in your impact report have contributed their stories, quotes and photos in confidence to express the difference you have made in their lives. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you enjoy this celebration of the impact of your generosity.

## Celebrating your Generosity

## A heartfelt thank you to the Julie Patel Foundation

Julie Patel was a mother, wife, sister, grandmother and friend. She touched and influenced the lives of many who had the pleasure to know her. She became widowed shortly after arriving in Canada and faced the challenge of supporting her three children through post-secondary education.

She worked hard to ensure she could assist her children with their goals. She understood the importance of an education leading to an enriched life. In her lifetime she had a vision of financially assisting students to pursue their educational goals.

**Please accept our heartfelt thanks for being a part of our cherished family of donors and supporters. Through your generous endowed fund, The Julie Patel Foundation Award will continue an inspirational legacy that will positively impact the lives of Black and racialized students at TMU.**

## The Julie Patel Foundation Award at TMU

Your generous gift, matched by the university, supports students who identify as Black (including Afro-Caribbean or African-Canadian) and / or racialized. To be eligible for this award, applicants must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program, in their second, third, or fourth year of study, meet the minimum CGPA requirement and demonstrate financial need.

## Students you support

### 2022 - 23 Recipients

**XXX**

Urban & Regional Planning, 2023  
Faculty of Community Services

**XXX**

Mechanical Engineering, 2024  
Faculty of Engineering & Architectural  
Science

### 2021 - 22 Recipients

**XXX**

Criminology, 2022  
Faculty of Arts

**XXX**

Early Childhood Studies, 2022  
Faculty of Community Services

**“Thank you so much for your generous support. Your financial and moral support means the world to**

**me and I am incredibly appreciative of this award.”**

**XXX**

This award has contributed to my journey by allowing me to pursue higher education in the

**“ [Thanks to your support], I am now also able to pursue entrepreneurship which is a big passion of mine.”**

**XXX**

### **Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, 2024 Urban and Regional Planning, 2024**

My time at TMU has been incredibly inspirational. I am currently enrolled in the Urban and Regional Planning program and am expected to graduate in spring of 2024. My decision to come to TMU was driven by the university's excellent program and its commitment to city building. I am passionate about the potential of policy to transform the urban form and felt that TMU offered the best environment for me to pursue this passion.

field of urban and regional planning. My ultimate career goal is to complete my PhD and continue my planning journey as a postsecondary professor.

Thanks to your support, I have also been able to take on leadership roles such as the Director of Outreach for the United Black Students Association. I also have the opportunity to be involved with multiple student-run initiatives and extra-curricular activities, like tri-mentorship program and am an active member of the TMU African Students Association.

3

This award is synonymous with freedom. Receiving this award has allowed me to take time to myself, pursuing activities like robotics and varsity athletics without experiencing the engulfing

feeling of not having enough to my pay bills  
and other commitments.

4

I now also feel like I have some bandwidth to  
explore and am planning to commit myself to  
the Norman Esch Entrepreneurship Challenge.

To Patel family, I thank you so much for this  
award. It has offered both my mother and I  
some comfort and flexibility.

## **Thank you for supporting students at TMU.**

**For more information please contact:**





**Krishan Mehta, PhD (he/him)**  
AVP Engagement  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
krishan@torontomu.ca Cell:  
416-871-7086

Impact report prepared by the Donor Relations and Stewardship Department.

