



The Julie Patel Foundation Award

Your 2023-24 Impact Report

**Toronto
Metropolitan
University**

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Celebrating Your Generosity



A heartfelt thank you 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.

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.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for being a part of our cherished family of

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Students you Support



About The Julie Patel Foundation Award at TMU

Your generous gift - matched by the university - supports students who identify as Black and / or are 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.

2023 - 24 Recipients

XXX

Professional Communication, 2024
The Creative School

XXX

Industrial Engineering, 2025
Faculty of Engineering & Architectural
Science

2022 - 23 Recipients

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Urban & Regional Planning, 2023
Faculty of Community Services

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Mechanical Engineering, 2024
Faculty of Engineering & Architectural
Science

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Celebrating your Impact

**dreams and pave the way forward to a
brighter future.**

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Professional Communication, 2024
The Creative School

XXX is pursuing a BA in Professional Communication, with minors in Sociology and Disability Studies. She has previously worked in various student community engagement roles at the university, and is eager for an opportunity to contribute to projects dedicated to supporting and empowering Black students.

XXX notes that receiving the Julie Patel Foundation Award has allowed her to focus more on her studies and volunteer work, in the area of creating spaces for Black identified students. She also shares that as a part of her graduation requirements, she will undertake and complete a capstone research project related to Black student perceptions and use of academic accommodations services at universities.

After completing her degree, XXX hopes to secure a full-time position related to academic advising or accommodations support at TMU. In this role, she plans to assist students - especially Black and other racialized queer students - to feel seen and supported throughout their academic journeys.

Overall, XXX hopes to carve out a space for those with similar identities so that they can feel supported as they navigate their way around the institution.

**Your generous support is helping
students like XXX to pursue their**

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them through shared life and school

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Industrial Engineering, 2025

Faculty of Engineering & Architectural Science

"Your recognition strengthens my dedication to this industry, and gives me the confidence to follow my passion with steadfast determination."

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible honour of receiving this award. Your support is more than financial as it allows me to fully devote my time to my studies in industrial engineering. I decided to pursue this academic field because of my drive to innovate and optimise industrial operations.

Since my parents do not reside in Canada, your kindness has been a huge financial help in reducing my tuition costs and freeing me up to focus on my academic performance. I am also able to participate in leadership roles and extracurricular activities outside of the classroom to further my professional growth.

I am a member of the engineering club which assists students succeed both academically and socially, by connecting

experiences. I aspire to embark on a journey towards opening a pharmaceutical company and my vision is to provide accessible and affordable healthcare solutions.

Once again, thank you for your incredible support and belief in the potential of students like me. Your generosity is shaping the future of aspiring professionals, and I am honored to be a beneficiary of your kindness.

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Thank you for supporting students at TMU

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