



The Julie Patel Foundation Award

Your 2025 - 26 Impact Report

**Toronto
Metropolitan
University**

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Our Heartfelt Thanks

To the Julie Patel Foundation,

Thank you for your continued support of students at TMU. Since 2021, your generosity has opened doors for many equity-deserving students, giving them a clear path to higher learning. Thanks to the Julie Patel Foundation Award, you have eased the financial pressures of post-secondary education and created space for students to learn, explore new ideas, and shape their futures with confidence.

In this report, we are pleased to introduce the newest award recipient. Through their experience, we hope you see the meaningful impact your support continues to have on students at TMU. Your care not only provides lasting encouragement to students but also inspires them to keep moving forward.

Thank you.



Your Impact in their words..

“I am thankful for this award as it will allow me to participate in external opportunities, placement programs, and volunteer experiences that will support my academic and professional development.”

Urban and Regional Planning, 2027

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for being selected as the recipient of the Julie Patel Foundation Award.

I decided to study Urban and Regional Planning because of my long-standing interest in cities and my awareness of challenges in Toronto such as housing unaffordability and lack of access to public transit. After my undergraduate degree, I hope to enroll in the Master of Landscape Architecture program and continue engaging with these critical issues.

I recognize that there's a significant transition between planning and design-based programs and I am grateful that this award provides me with the opportunity to take external courses, such as the Studio First Program at Carleton University, that will help me develop the skills necessary for my future applications, and receive mentorship from academics and professionals.

Currently, I work as a Research Assistant on a project called Black Experiences in Planning with Canada, which has deepened my interest in research and creating more equitable environments. Outside of school, I volunteer with the Toronto Youth Cabinet advocating for improved transit, and at PlazaPOPS where I plan initiatives encouraging youth to study urban planning and architecture.

Ultimately, I aspire to become a professor. Black female voices are underrepresented within the fields of the built environment, and I hope to contribute to scholarship, teaching, and mentorship to address this gap. Thank you again for this award.

Past Award Recipients

The Julie Patel Foundation continues to build a meaningful legacy for students at TMU. Your generous support has helped many students graduate and step confidently into their careers. By believing in their potential, you are fostering opportunities and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

2024-2025

Computer Science, 2025
Faculty of Science

2023-2024

Professional Communication, 2024
The Creative School

Industrial Engineering, 2025
Faculty of Engineering & Architectural Science

2022-2023

Mechanical Engineering, 2024
Faculty of Engineering & Architectural Science

Urban & Regional Planning, 2023
Faculty of Community Services

2021-2022

Early Childhood Education, 2022
Faculty of Community Services

Criminology, 2022
Faculty of Arts





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