

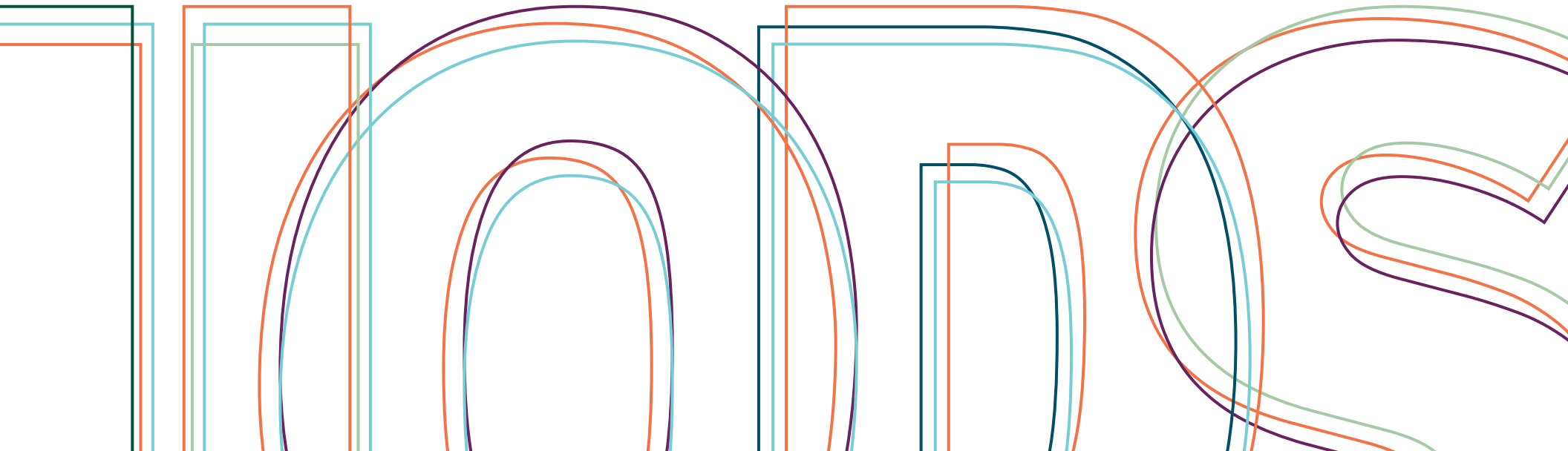
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Investing In Our

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SCHOLARSHIPS 2025



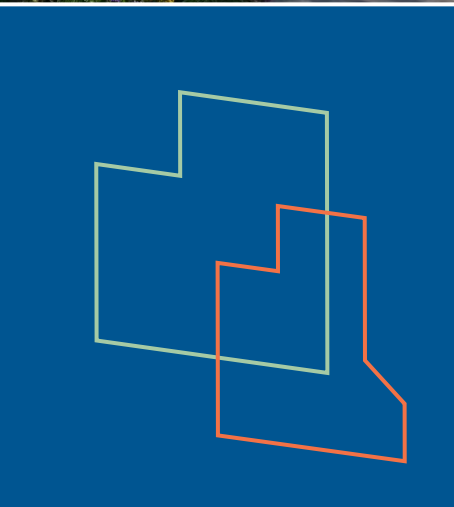
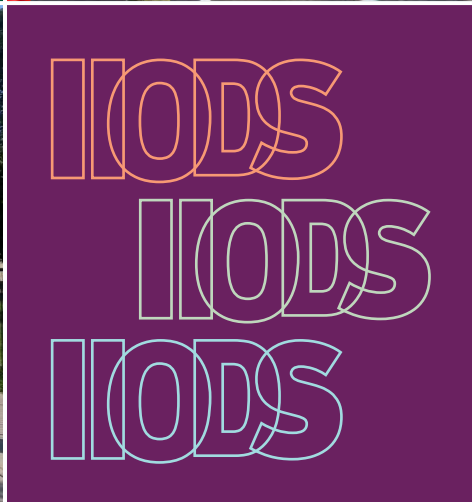


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About the scholarship

The **Investing In Our Diversity Scholarships** (IIDS) are awarded each year to Toronto youth based on academic excellence, financial eligibility and volunteer involvement in community leadership, anti-racism or diversity initiatives. The scholarships promote youth empowerment, diversity and community safety in Toronto.

Students receive **up to \$4,000** to pursue postsecondary studies or professional training.



Founding partners

The **Investing In Our Diversity Scholarship Program** was founded in 2001 by the late **Bill McMurtry**, Founding Partner, Blaney McMurtry LLP, and **Kevin Lee**, former Executive Director of Scadding Court Community Centre. Toronto Community Housing became a partner in 2006.



- **William R. McMurtry Memorial Anti-Racism Scholarship**
- **Blaney McMurtry Diversity Scholarship**

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- **Kevin Lee Scholarship**

Scadding Court Community Centre: Founded in 1975, Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC) is a multi-service, community-based organization with programs and services geared toward under-served, culturally and racially diverse groups including low-income women, children and families, at-risk youth, people with developmental and/or physical disabilities, and seniors. SCCC aims to create a community in which every individual and group has the capacity to achieve their full potential.

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Recipients will attend 12 different colleges or universities across Ontario and abroad.

Areas of study

- Business tech management
- Construction engineering
- Creative arts, health, and wellness
- Criminology
- Dentistry
- Educational studies
- Electrical engineering
- Health informatics
- Health sciences
- Health studies
- Hospitality and tourism
- Journalism
- Justice, political philosophy and law
- Kinesiology
- Life science
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Public health
- Social work
- Social sciences
- Sociology

We average over

150
applicants
every year

37
scholarship
recipients
in 2025

Total dollars donated to date:

\$1,739,750

770
Students

have benefited from the
program to date

38+
donors
over the years

Alumni spotlight



Omar Abdelgawad
2020 recipient

“I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics and Governance. I graduated this year (2025) from the Lincoln Alexander School of Law at Toronto Metropolitan University. When I started law school, I founded a program in Regent Park called Building Leaders for Change (BLFC). The program was designed to help young people in the community create action plans that lead them away from violence and toward positive, productive engagement.

When applying to law school, one of my biggest expenses was the LSAT prep course. The IIOD Scholarship helped pay for the course upfront, without needing a payment plan. This gave me a sense of confidence at the start of a journey I was navigating alone.”



Kiaunna Bennett
2020 recipient

“I received the IIOD Scholarship in 2020 and completed my bachelor’s degree in social work at Toronto Metropolitan University. I am currently in the process of completing my Master of Social Work (MSW) program at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).

The IIOD Scholarship supported me in 2020, helping pay off my OSAP loans. This provided great financial relief as often, due to program requirements, I was unable to work to support myself and my family financially.”



Omarian Hussain
2024 recipient

“I’m currently studying Health Sciences at Western University, where I’ve been fortunate to get involved in various areas of campus life as the first-year representative for my program, a varsity athlete, a researcher, and an advocate.

The IIOD Scholarship has played a key role in giving me the confidence and resources to take on these responsibilities and pursue opportunities I never thought would be accessible to me. Financially, it allowed me to pay for the second half of my tuition, freeing me from having to take on debt and giving me the mental space to focus on growth. More than that, it gave me confidence—the belief that others saw potential in me and were willing to invest in my future. Being matched with Dr. Gary Newton, CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital, as a mentor through the program has also been an invaluable gift.”

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Nursing



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Medicine



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Mustafa Osman

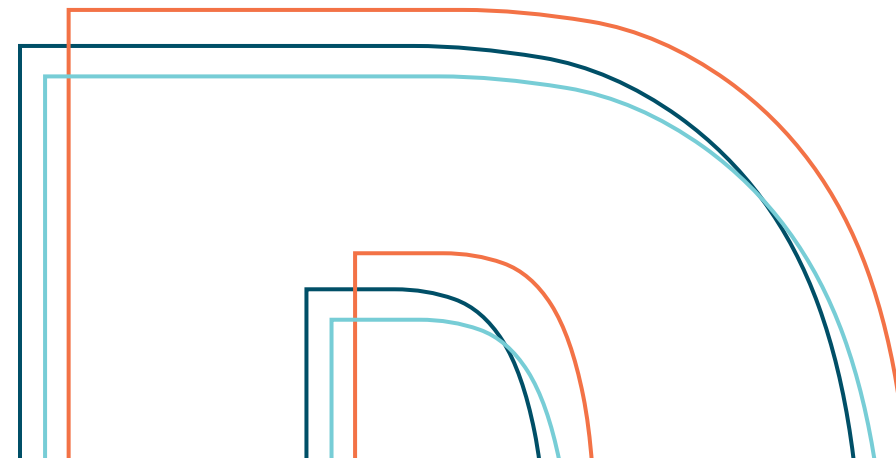
York University,
Political Science



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Abdirahman Abdullahi

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Electrical Engineering



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Abdirauf Adan

George Brown,
Construction Engineering



Athman Athman

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Business Tech Management



Bethlehem Dawit

York University,
Educational Studies

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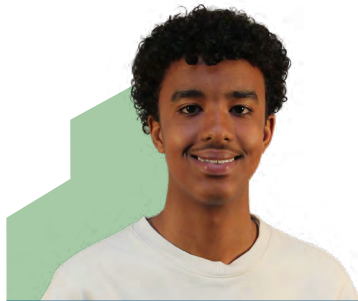
**Vaishali
Kaverimanian**

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Psychology with minor in
Criminology and Sociology



Clark TCHC Diversity Scholarships

Ed and Fran Clark



Ali Hassan

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Journalism



Samera Waies

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Nursing



**Manal Safwan
Ghumman**

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Criminology



Sara Wesley Kydd

Queen's University,
Health Sciences



**Paulina
Leyva-Arcos**

University of Toronto,
Psychology and Health Studies



**Thaarahai
Karunakaran**

Queen's University,
Health Sciences

Kevin Lee Scholarship

Scadding Court Community Centre



Esmeralda Peters

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Hospitality and Tourism

Harry A. Newman Memorial Foundation Diversity Scholarship

Toronto Central Lions Club



**Rafidah Atikaputri
Siregar Min Naing**

University of Guelph,
Creative Arts, Health and Wellness



Rawan Hariz

University of Toronto,
Kinesiology and Physical
Education

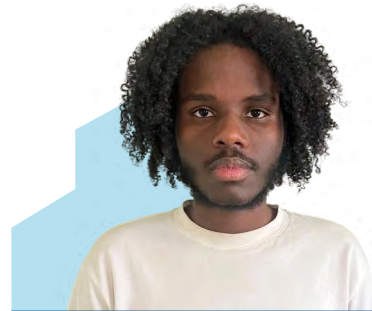
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**Adam Hassan
Mohamed**

University of Toronto,
Medicine



**Ismail
Omar Ismail**

York University,
Kinesiology



**Amir Hassan
Mohamed**

McMaster University,
Medicine



**Khadija
Said Mohamed**

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Public Health



Ayokanmi Ajibade

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Nursing



Tasnim Gurey

University of Toronto,
Master of Health Informatics

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Julia Pham

Western University, Doctor of Dental Surgery



The Prince Narcisco Wealthsimple Foundation Award

Maryam Abbasi

University of Toronto, Social Sciences



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Mikayla Nyajah Reid

Toronto Metropolitan University, Psychology



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Dorsa Aeenfar

University of Toronto,
Life Sciences – Health and Disease



Feven Zewdu

Toronto Metropolitan University,
Social Work



**Emad
Asaad Sagaaf**

University of Toronto,
Kinesiology



**Hermela
Wolde Taye**

McMaster University,
Psychology in Human Behaviour



Princess Bangura

Trent University,
Law and Sociology



**Madina
Osman Hassan**

McMaster University,
Justice, Political Philosophy and Law

Yardi Canada Diversity Scholarships *(Continued)*

Yardi Canada



Iman Alebi

University of Toronto,
Masters of Social Work



Jaiden Whyte

York University,
Sociology



**Inaya
Wehib Towfik**

McMaster University,
Life Science



**Jasleen
Amina Da Breo**

York University,
Psychology

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