



### **Ayleen Farnood, Nellie Giffin Undergraduate**

My name is Ayleen Farnood and I am currently studying Engineering Science at the University of Toronto, with a major in Machine Intelligence.

I am truly humbled and grateful to have been chosen as the recipient of the Nellie Giffin Scholarship this year. Winning this award is an incredible honour and I extend my deepest gratitude to CEMF for their belief in my potential and dedication to making an impact in the field of engineering. CEMF's recognition and support have motivated me to work even harder in my studies and research, whilst also fueling my commitment to being a role model and advocate for other women in engineering. I am determined to pay it forward by continuing my engagement in various outreach initiatives and mentoring programs, empowering and inspiring young girls to pursue their dreams in STEM fields. I believe that CEMF's support has not only transformed my life but also has the potential to create a ripple effect, opening doors for future generations of aspiring female engineers.

This scholarship will undoubtedly alleviate the financial burden of my education, allowing me to focus wholeheartedly on my studies, research, and personal growth. It will enable me to explore and learn, by both participating in research projects at external universities and attending international engineering conferences. Going forward, these experiences will provide invaluable opportunities that will shape my future career and enable me to make a positive and lasting impact on the engineering community as a whole.