



## Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF) Announces 2009 Scholarship Winners

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**(Renfrew, Ontario):** The criteria for the CEMF engineering scholarships, at first glance, may not seem overly stringent. Canadian women applying must be leaders, volunteers, involved in numerous community activities and willing to go out of their way to inspire others. And yet, the combination of these characteristics results in remarkable women who shine among their peers.

**Bahar Memarian from the University of Toronto and Neha Sharma from the University of Western Ontario** have been named the 2009 recipients of the \$2,500 IBM Canada Undergraduate Scholarships by CEMF. Both Ms. Memarian and Ms. Sharma will also receive a summer job opportunity at an IBM Canada facility.

Ms. Memarian of North York, Ontario is a second year electrical engineering student at the University of Toronto. She believes in the positive impact women in engineering can have and says she has learned that “much creativity and diversity is added to a project when the group includes both male and female members.”

Ms. Sharma of London, Ontario is a third year electrical student at the University of Western Ontario where she is specializing in biomedical signals and systems. Her personal motto is “if you have an interest in something, don’t let anything stop you.”

“The Foundation is proud to present both Bahar and Neha with these well-deserved scholarships. Both are outstanding young women who are already demonstrating they will be leaders in the future and are excellent role models for others,” says Suzelle Barrington, ing., CEMF president.

Along with the \$2,500 scholarship, both students are being funded by Foundation to attend the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon in Montreal during the Annual General Meeting of Engineers Canada being held on May 22, 2009.

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation was founded in 1990 and honours the memory of the 14 women from École Polytechnique in Montreal who lost their lives on December 6, 1989.

CEMF is committed to creating a world where engineering meets the needs and challenges of Canadians by utilizing the skills and talents of men and women alike, promoting engineering as a career choice with the generous support of Canadian corporations and many individual engineers from coast to coast.

The Foundation provides a total of 13 scholarships at the undergraduate, Masters and PhD levels of study and promotes engineering as a career choice for women through their website, press releases, Annual Awards Luncheon and scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

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