

# THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN CANADIAN INNOVATION WEEK 2019

**The Rideau Hall Foundation established Canadian Innovation Week to recognize Canadian achievements and inspire the next generation of innovators.**

We would like to thank our Innovation Champions for their support and for driving innovation in Canada: BDC, BlackBerry, BMO, Deloitte Canada, Facebook, Government of Canada, Power Corporation of Canada, and Thomson Reuters.

Thanks to participation of organizations and individuals across the country, the [#CanadianInnovationWeek](#) hashtag reached **12.2 million people**. We're proud to be part of a network with a common goal: Strengthening Canada's culture of innovation.

**"Pitch@Palace Canada 1.0 is only going to get bigger. Our job is to help these businesses grow and take them to the global market. The 1.0 is a clear indication that we are coming back, what we've seen around Canada is quite extraordinary."** *HRH, The Duke of York, KG*

## PITCH@PALACE CANADA 1.0 – BOOT CAMP & FINAL

The Pitch@Palace Boot Camp hosted at BMO's Institute for Learning, featured 24 regional finalists who pitched for 3 minutes each before a panel of judges.

The first ever Pitch@Palace Canada Final took place on May 28, 2019, with 200 esteemed business leaders in the innovation ecosystem, including HRH the Duke of York, KG, and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Two companies were selected to pitch at the global event at St. James's Palace this December; O2 Canada and Proof. Special thanks to BMO – as the lead supporter of Pitch@Palace Canada, this first year would not have been the resounding success that it was without their commitment to Canadian innovation and entrepreneurship.



 **32** EVENTS

 **200+** TOOLKIT  
DOWNLOADS

 **12.2** MILLION PEOPLE WERE REACHED THROUGH  
[#CANADIANINNOVATIONWEEK](#) VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

### INNOVATION CHAMPIONS



## iDAY (YOUTH INNOVATION DAY)

In partnership with JA Canada, 250 students in Toronto participated in an innovative learning experience, focused on teamwork and mentorship opportunities.



## YOUTH INNOVATION ACADEMY

Students had the chance to hear from inspiring mentors throughout the day and then got to apply what they learned in a fun innovation challenge that resulted in a pitch event. Over 150 students and educators participated in this important youth initiative.



## CANADA'S CULTURE OF INNOVATION INDEX

The Rideau Hall Foundation launched the first ever Culture of Innovation Index which measures how we, as Canadians, approach and value innovation in all spheres of our society. Learn more at: [www.rhf-frh.ca/innovation-index](http://www.rhf-frh.ca/innovation-index)

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INNOVATION AWARDS

In a ceremony presided over by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, this year's laureates were recognized for developing innovative solutions that are having a meaningful impact on our quality of life. This year's laureates are Chief Ronald and Marianne Ignace, Joelle Pineau, Jad Saliba, SmartICE, Sweet Dreams Social Impact Bond and Garnette Sutherland.



Check out [Innovation.gg.ca](http://Innovation.gg.ca)

**“Students enjoyed celebrating Canadian Innovation Week. It helped them understand that they were part of something much bigger.”**

*Karen Gallant, JA Canada*

# Join us for next year's Canadian Innovation Week coming May 19–29, 2020!

### Innovation Live with Mr. Johnston

To kick off Canadian Innovation Week, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada hosted an innovation live with the Rt. Hon. David Johnston, 28<sup>th</sup> Governor General of Canada, to discuss his book on Canadian innovations and the important role that innovation plays in Canada's economy. This [video](#) has over 530 views on Facebook!

### Killam Prize Ceremony

Killam Prize scholars have made a substantial and significant contribution to their respective fields in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, health sciences or engineering. The five Canadians who received this prestigious award at the Canadian Museum of History are: Yoshua Bengio, André Blais, Keith W. Hipel, Stephen W. Sherer and Lynne Viola.

### Government of Canada Innovation Fair

With over 6,000 Ottawa participants and even more tuning into the livestream across the country, the 2019 Innovation Fair showcased innovations and everyday best practices focused on mindsets and behaviours that can help organizations and employees become more agile, inclusive, and equipped!

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Powered by the Rideau Hall Foundation, Canadian Innovation Space is a partnership of cross disciplinary organizations that strives to build a strong, more resilient culture of innovation in Canada.