

# IGNITING CHANGE: The Transformative Power of Canadian Innovation Week



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#CIW23

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Innovation Week (CIW), hosted by the Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF) was a week-long celebration that uniquely blended digital and in-person events which engaged and inspired thousands of Canadians.

## BRINGING CIW TO LIFE: PARTNER SHOWCASE



Inspiring event  
by Blacks in  
Technology  
Toronto and  
BrainStation

UCalgary hosted several events and highlighted many innovators and innovations during the week.



Year after year, thank you for making  
CIW a resounding success! Since 2018:



**77M+**  
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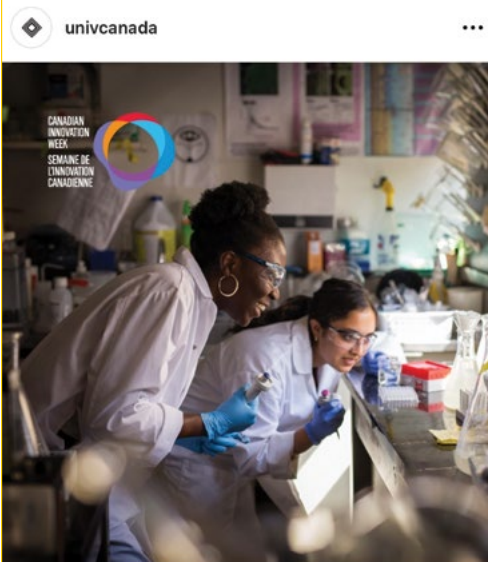
**9K+**  
CONTRIBUTORS

**105K+**  
ENGAGEMENTS



On the #CIW23 episode of Disruptors, an RBC Podcast, host John Stackhouse goes inside the minds of three Canadian innovators.

Universities Canada highlighted incredible innovators from various regions and disciplines, showcasing Canada's innovative power.



univcanada Dr. Pieter Cullis of the @universityofbc and colleagues contributed to the advances in the development of nanomedicines employing lipid nanoparticle technology for cancer therapies, gene therapies and vaccines.

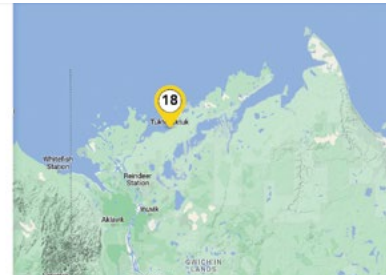
J.D. Irving, Limited (JDI) celebrated Canada's 6th Annual Innovation Week by highlighting the spirit of investment and growth within the communities in which it operates.



18. Tuktoyaktuk Community Climate Resiliency (AIP)



The Tuktoyaktuk Community Climate Resiliency Project sees community members like Ehal Lugi, pictured, monitor environmental changes including permafrost evaluation, sea ice formation and breakup, lake turbidity and plant bloom. (Photo courtesy Arctic Inspiration Prize/Tuktoyaktuk Community Climate Resiliency)



The Inuvialuit hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk is nestled against a natural harbour on the Arctic Ocean, at the end of the mainland's most northerly highway.

But while being a coastal community in the Arctic has a lot of pluses, it also brings a lot of risks in an era of climate heating. The sea is rising and taking over the land. Coastlines are eroding.



[CanGeo: 20 Canadian innovations you should know about.](#)

The Government of Saskatchewan recognized May 15 to 19 as SK Innovation Week.



Today we launch the Pfizer Canada Healthcare Hub to partner with Canada's leading #tech and #innovation industry and uncover solutions for better patient care.

For details see the press release at [on.pfizer.com/3MxbYje](https://on.pfizer.com/3MxbYje).

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Pfizer Canada launched innovative Healthcare Hub

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# INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Supporting the future of innovation is vital, and we are proud to have inspired and engaged the next generation of innovators.

## Meet the 2023 Ingenious+ youth innovation challenge winners:



**Elijah Cosby**

U-VAD – Ultrasonic Visual Assistance Device



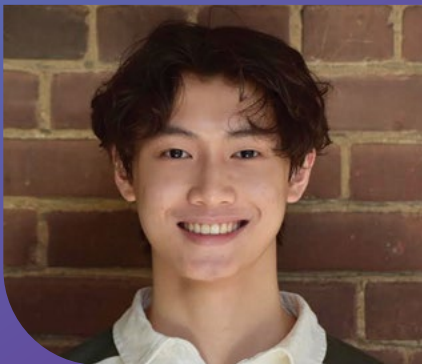
**Thivya Jeyapalan**

Key of Sight Music Program for Disabled & Vulnerable Individuals



**Aaron Zhao**

ExoTremor: A Low-Cost, 3D-Printed Exoskeleton



**Allan Guo**

Inspo: an app to support caregivers



**Errita Xu**

Agro-Based Deicers: a sustainable alternative to road salts

The **Ingenious+** program supports young innovators, not merely acknowledging their creativity and ingenuity but propelling their innovative journey forward through mentorship, learning opportunities, and financial support.

The national winners were celebrated in Ottawa on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The [ceremony](#) was followed by a fireside chat with GGIA laureates Jean-Simon Venne and Martin Basiri, and a mentorship session with League of Innovators' Melissa Allen.



## CELEBRATING A THRIVING INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM



CASC 2023 Conference May 16-18

Together, we have fostered a robust innovation ecosystem in Canada.  
Thank you for celebrating!



Killam Prize gala, hosted by the National Research Council of Canada in Gatineau, Quebec, on May 17, 2023.



2023 Mitacs Entrepreneur Awards May 18



### Governor General's Innovation Awards

The Governor General's Innovation Awards (GGIA) serves as a beacon of innovation in an increasingly interconnected and competitive world. The essence of the GGIAs lies not merely in rewarding innovation but in fueling a culture of creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurship.



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## LOOKING AHEAD

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about the next edition of CIW, taking place from **May 13-17, 2024**. Showcase your latest breakthroughs, announce significant milestones, and engage with a diverse audience.

Together, we can inspire, connect, and drive positive change through the power of innovation.

Reach out today to start planning Canadian Innovation Week 2024 with us!

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