



Innovation to Action:

Celebrating ideas that move Canada forward

The Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF) proudly hosted the 8th annual **Canadian Innovation Week (CIW)**, uniting hundreds of organizations and individuals to spotlight transformative ideas shaping Canada's future. Stories were shared widely, with the **#CIW25** hashtag amplifying the incredible work happening in communities nationwide. Through a mix of in-person and virtual events, CIW 2025 engaged thousands of Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Thank you to our partners and collaborators

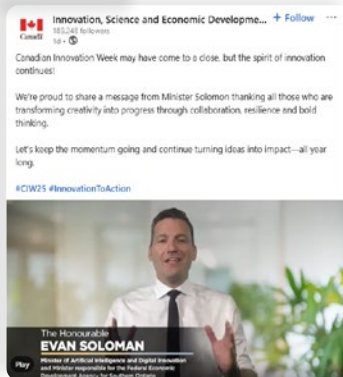
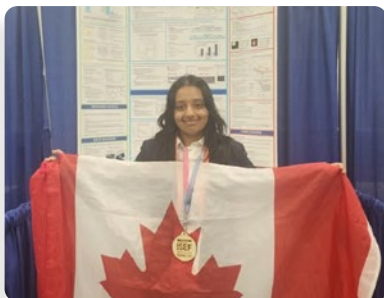
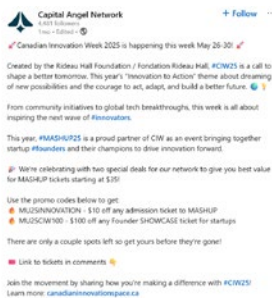
CIW 2025 was made possible thanks to the support of our incredible partners and contributors. Your dedication, creativity, and leadership continue to strengthen Canada's culture of innovation. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and collaboration.

CIW and Saskatchewan Innovation Week aligned

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*Innovation Week is a powerful opportunity to celebrate the ingenuity and impact of Canadian innovation from coast to coast. Here in **Saskatchewan**, we're proud to align with **Canadian Innovation Week**... Together with organizations like the Rideau Hall Foundation, we're showing that innovation is **local, inclusive and transformational**.*

– Kari Harvey, CEO, Innovation Saskatchewan



Canadian Innovation Week 2025



PARTICIPATION FROM
**ALL PROVINCES
AND TERRITORIES**

ENGAGED
NEARLY 1,000
CONTRIBUTORS IN 2025

12.1 MILLION
TOTAL REACH



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The Next Frontier of Canadian Innovation

The Rideau Hall Foundation partnered with The Logic to present a special feature where innovation leaders share what it takes to strengthen Canada's innovation ecosystem.

*"Once you see what's possible, and you get a little bit of support, and you remove some barriers along the way, it **creates a stronger culture of innovation** and entrepreneurship. That will lead to a more inclusively prosperous country, which will lead to more **pride, hope, and optimism** for Canada. And that will lead to a better world."*

– Teresa Marques, President and CEO, RHF

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Celebrating the future of innovation

On May 28, 2025, Ingenious+ National Winners and Finalists were celebrated at a special event hosted at **Carleton University in Ottawa**.

The day featured:

- An **inspiring awards ceremony**
- A **fireside chat** with **Christian Bagg**, Founder & CTO of Bowhead, and **Abdullah Snobar**, Executive Director of the DMZ and CEO of DMZ Ventures
- A **learning session** with **Melissa Allen** of Capital M Ventures
- **Mentorship roundtables** with seven accomplished leaders

Beyond the formal programming, youth built **meaningful peer connections**, expanding the Ingenious+ alumni network that will support them for years to come.

Investing for tomorrow

The **Rideau Hall Foundation** and **DMZ Ventures** have partnered to invest up to **\$100,000** annually over three years in Ingenious+ alumni. This new initiative will provide funding, mentorship, and startup support to help young innovators turn bold ideas into scalable ventures. Through access to world-class programming and resources, alumni will be empowered to take their innovations to the next level.



ingenious+ NATIONAL WINNERS



WARREN
CHEN

British Columbia
Technology and
Entrepreneurship



ANTHONY
EFTHIMIADIS

Ontario
Health and
Wellbeing



JASMINE
WANG

Ontario
Climate and the
Environment



CÉLINE
ZHANG

Quebec
Community
and Civic
Engagement



JOTI
GOKARAJU

Saskatchewan
Equity and
Inclusion

[➞ Meet the National
winners and Finalists](#)



MS Anne-Marie Brisson, Rideau Hall © OSGG, 2025

Celebrating a Decade of Canadian Innovation

The Governor General's Innovation Awards (GGIA) mark a decade of recognizing exceptional Canadian innovations that are transforming lives and shaping the future. In 2025, the 10th anniversary was celebrated with a special ceremony at Rideau Hall, honouring this year's outstanding laureates and the lasting impact of the program.

1. GHGSat Vanguard (C-10)

Mr. Stéphane Germain

2. Heart-on-a-chip for drug discovery and disease modelling

Dr. Milica Radisic

3. Student Energy

Helen Watts, Angela Paley, Shakti Ramkumar, Abdullah Khair, Claris Canta

4. NORS – National Overdose Response Service

Dr. Sumantra Monty Ghosh and Lisa Morris-Miller

5. Dispersa – Decarbonizing surfactants through food waste

Nivatha Balendra

6. ODARA – The Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment

Dr. N. Zoe Hilton (accepting for Angela Eke, Elke Ham, Kate Lines)

[Read all about the 2025 Governor General's Innovation Awards laureates.](#)

 **Be a part of CIW26**

Be part of the innovation movement!
The 9th Canadian Innovation Week is coming in 2026 – *stay tuned for dates.*

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