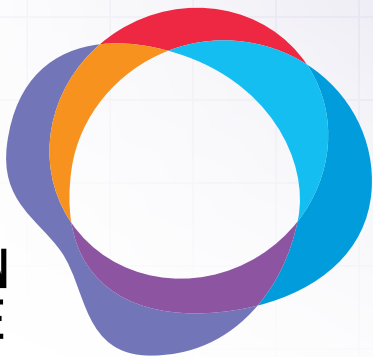


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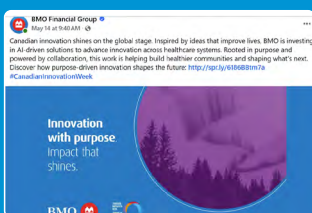


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Local Roots, Global Reach:

Celebrating Canada's leadership on the world stage

The Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF) proudly hosted the 9th annual **Canadian Innovation Week (CIW)**, bringing together organizations and individuals across the country, to celebrate the power of locally driven ideas with global impact. Through the theme "Local Roots, Global Reach," Canadians shared stories with **#CIW26** highlighting initiatives making a difference in communities nationwide. Throughout the week, Canadians engaged in a celebration of ingenuity, collaboration, and global impact.



Thank you to our partners and collaborators

This year, your dedication and creativity sparked even greater engagement with **#CIW26** across the country, bringing forward a new level of diverse stories that showcased the strength of Canada's innovation ecosystem. We are extremely grateful for your leadership, collaboration, and commitment to advancing a thriving culture of innovation.

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11K+
CONTRIBUTORS

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ENGAGEMENTS

134
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Equipping the next frontier of Canadian Innovation

Published by The Logic during **Canadian Innovation Week** 2026, this feature explores how Canada can better support the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, and changemakers shaping the country's future.

"We have to start thinking about how Canada can back its own ambitions again," says **Teresa Marques**, President and CEO of the RHF.

"We need to set more people up to contribute, to problem-solve, to learn, to create and to participate to their fullest extent possible, with as few barriers as possible. We need to do this because we all have a role to play in shaping the country's future prosperity."

[➞ Read the article](#)



Innovation Ignited: The Power of Youth

The RHF's Ingenious+ Youth Innovation Challenge empowers Canadian youth aged 14–18 with mentorship, learning opportunities, and funding to turn ideas into impact. On May 12, 2026, National Winners and National Finalists gathered at the University of Ottawa's INNOVA space for a day of mentorship, followed by an evening celebration to recognize their accomplishments and highlighting the creativity, leadership, and potential of Canada's next generation of innovators.

Thank you to our Mentors and Speakers:

- **Melissa Allen**, Capital M Ventures
- **Frank Erschen**, Consultant, DMZ
- **Thivya Jeyapalan**, Ingenious+ Spark Winner
- **Corey Ellis**, GGIA Laureate & Founder, Growcer
- **Nicolas Déziel**, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)
- **Eli Fathi**, Serial Entrepreneur & Former CEO, *Ottawa Business Journal*
- **Sam Turgeon Brabazon**, Founder & CEO, AudioBio
- **Adrianne Yiu**, Inclusive Leadership Coach
- **Sheila Wang**, MD PhD FRCPC, Co-founder, Swift Medical
- **Suzanne Grant**, Executive Director, Capital Angel Network

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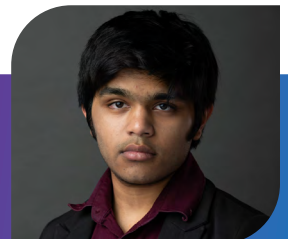


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[➞ Meet the 5 National Winners and 12 National Finalists](#)

Honouring Exceptional Canadian Innovations

The Governor General’s Innovation Awards recognize and celebrate Canadian individuals, teams and organizations whose exceptional achievements are advancing innovation and shaping a better future for all. Recognized at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, the 2026 recipients reflect the breadth of Canadian innovation - spanning health, social impact, agriculture, and science - and are driving meaningful change for communities in Canada and around the world.



Meet the 2026 GGIA Laureates:

1. Dunn House – Canada’s first hospital-led supportive housing initiative

Nominated by: The Gairdner Foundation

Dr. Andrew Boozary

2. War-affected Youth as Co-researchers

Nominated by: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Dr. Myriam Denov

3. Discovery and therapeutic translation of glucagon-like peptides

Nominated by: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Dr. Daniel Drucker

4. Growcer; Modular vertical farming solutions

Nominated by: Invest Ottawa & MaRS Discovery District

Corey Ellis & Alida Burke

5. Creating the field of Metabolomics

Nominated by: Universities Canada

Dr. David Wishart

 [Read all about the 2026 Governor General’s Innovation Awards laureates](#)



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