



What, or who inspired you to become an engineer?

I always found my interest piqued by different technologies growing up. Whether it was spending hours thinking about how hearing aids worked or pondering over the inner workings of a computer, I was always curious about all the technologies we see around in our daily life. The desire to satiate this curiosity coupled with my love for Math and Physics in high school inspired me to pursue engineering.

What, or who inspired and encouraged you to pursue electrical engineering?

I love learning about a lot of different things and the versatility offered by electrical engineering made it an easy pick. So far, I have gotten the opportunity to enrich my knowledge by learning about multiple fields such as power electronics, digital electronics, communications, electromagnetics etc.

What are your goals and objectives moving forward?

My short-term professional goal moving forward is to work in different engineering roles and see what I am most passionate about and where I have the most to offer. My past co-op work experiences have been great learning experiences in this regard. Mainly, I have learnt how important it is to be challenged by what you are doing to keep working with the same enthusiasm that you have on the very first day.

What type of impacts do you hope to make within your community through the knowledge you've gained at the University of Alberta?

I have been a bit privileged in that I got the opportunity to pursue an engineering degree in a different country with some financial help from my family and by receiving different scholarships; however not everyone is presented with the same kind of opportunities, so moving forward, one of my biggest goals is to work towards making basic undergraduate education accessible to everyone.

In addition, growing up, I did not receive an adequate practical STEM exposure in school which caused a lot of anxiety and a feelings of impostor syndrome in some of my university level laboratory classes, so throughout my university degree, one of my goals has been to provide STEM education to children from different backgrounds to help boost their confidence, and I want to keep on contributing towards this goal even after graduating.

At Williams, we are working towards UNSDG 5 – Gender Equality. As a part of this strategic effort, we want to improve the representation of women in STEM in Canada. We started this scholarship last year so that we can support women to complete their education in STEM and encourage them to stay in the field. Last year on International Women's Day, we gave our female teammates a gift card that they could either use for themselves or contribute towards this scholarship. This scholarship amount comprises of women who gave up their gift cards to support another young woman in STEM. We felt that this was a meaningful way for them to participate in making a difference. How has this scholarship made a difference to you and your education?



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First of all, from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all those who gave up their gift cards to contribute towards this scholarship. Their generosity and kindness are deeply appreciated and have also further encouraged me to give back more in the future.

Paying for a hefty tuition has always been one of my biggest stressors in university and the help received through scholarships like these greatly alleviates my anxiety and lets me focus on my education and other extra-curricular initiatives. I think receiving scholarships like The Williams Engineering Award can also be a great encouragement for women, myself included, to continue doing well in school.

So, thanks again to all of you for this amazing act of kindness. I want to assure you that this kindness does not end here and will be passed on to the others in the future. 😊