

## 2014 CPAC-Tianbao Scholarship Recipient: Lauren Chan



Lauren Chan was one of ten students accepted into the inaugural class of the Queen's University Accelerated Route to Medical School Program, a program that allows outstanding students start medical school in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of university study.

For a young woman in her second year of university, Lauren's academic achievements are truly remarkable. She has co-authored three peer-reviewed scientific papers, two published and one pending publication. In the meantime, she has presented at the National Research Council to a high level panel of researchers and at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, the "World's Largest Scientific Meeting" in California.

Over the last nine years, Lauren has dedicated 3000 hours of service to her community. She has volunteered in multiple hospitals, working with children with disabilities and in palliative care. She has been Chapter President of Best Buddies for seven years. She has also volunteered in rural China, setting up daily medical clinics in villages to service those communities. And she is returning to China this summer. Last summer, she was the volunteer coordinator of the Student Internship Research program at the Hospital for Sick Children, a paid summer internship program for high school students of African and aboriginal ancestry from at-risk areas. The program was a huge success because of Lauren's ability to manage the program smoothly and her dedication to the students.

Lauren is an outstanding student with demonstrated abilities in academia, scientific research, community outreach and volunteering.