

## 2015 CPAC- TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Scholarship

### Recipient: Michael Xie



Michael Xie is currently in his 3rd year in McMaster's Bachelor of Health Sciences Program (Biomedical Sciences Specialization). He has obtained an A<sup>+</sup> in virtually every course he took in the past two years. With a strong interest in translational biomedical research, Michael has worked at McMaster developing novel diagnostics and therapeutics for hematologic diseases. He has also worked at the Princess Margaret Cancer Research Institute evaluating a novel therapy target for pancreatic cancer. He is regarded an exceptional student in research work by virtue of his diligence, insight and superb writing and critical thinking skills.

Driven by a desire to positively impact those around him, Michael has taken great initiative to act as a leader both academically and in his community. He is passionate about working together with students to help them acquire meaningful knowledge, foster critical thinking, and develop self-confidence. His greatest fascination lies in the subject of anatomy and physiology, and he explores this subject every week with his students as an Anatomy and Physiology Teaching Assistant. He also volunteers with McMaster's Data Analysis Support Hub to teach statistics and Students Offering Support to teach organic chemistry.

To give back to the larger Hamilton community, Michael serves as a Canadian Blood Services Clinic Leader, helping coordinate blood donation clinics at McMaster. He also volunteers at St. Peter's Hospital assisting geriatric patients and helping run hospital activities. Michael graciously acknowledges the support from his family, friends, mentors, and supervisors, without whom he would not be where he is today.