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## IMII announces 2022/2023 iMpowered scholarship recipients

*Supporting women and Indigenous students on their career path for the minerals industry*

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**Saskatoon, SK (Canada)** – International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII), a unique supporting innovation supporting network for Saskatchewan’s minerals industry, is pleased to announce the recipients of its [iMpowered scholarship](#). On behalf of its minerals industry members – BHP, Cameco, Mosaic and Nutrien, and Innovation Saskatchewan – seven students are receiving scholarships totaling \$125,000.

The iMpowered scholarship recipients for the 2022/2023 academic year are:

- Vera Sayese, Minerals Exploration Techniques Program, Northlands College
- Royce Bigsky, Chemical Technology Program, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Nicole Lauenders, Mine Engineering Technology Program, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Jodi Delorme, Environmental Engineering Technology Program, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Case Langevin, Mine Engineering Technology Program, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Brandon Roberts, Resource and Environmental Law Program, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Lauren Pedersen, Civil Engineering – Masters of Science – Thesis, University of Saskatchewan

“IMII supports diversity and inclusion in Saskatchewan’s minerals industry and has placed significant focus on developing programs with our partners to build an inclusive workforce for the industry,” says Al Shpyth, IMII’s executive director. “Supporting the next generation through initiatives like the iMpowered scholarship is one important thing we can do to sustain the future of our industry.”

The iMpowered scholarship is for women and Indigenous students enrolled in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and computer-science post-secondary education programs, who have a direct financial responsibility to their family and are interested in careers in the minerals industry. The iMpowered scholarship is part of a five-year commitment to help build a diverse, inclusive, and qualified workforce for Saskatchewan’s minerals industry.

Congratulations to this year’s recipients, we’re proud to support your goals through this scholarship!

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