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Dear Colleague,

I am excited to announce the 2020 call for applications to the **CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program**, opening on December 5, 2019. The application deadline is February 5, 2020.

The **CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program** accelerates the development of high-potential, early-career researchers into the next generation of global research leaders. It provides funding, mentorship, expert-led training in leadership and communications, and opportunities to collaborate with some of the world's leading minds from diverse disciplines through two years of participation in one of CIFAR's global, interdisciplinary research programs. Through the fellowship, scholars emerge as research leaders who are well-positioned to make an impact in academia and beyond.

CIFAR is a Canadian-based, global charitable organization that convenes extraordinary minds to address science and humanity's most important questions. By supporting long-term interdisciplinary collaboration, CIFAR provides researchers with an unparalleled environment of trust, transparency and knowledge sharing.

CIFAR invites exceptional early-career researchers to apply to one of four CIFAR research programs currently accepting applications in 2020 (Child & Brain Development; Learning in Machines & Brains; Quantum Information Science; Quantum Materials). Researchers within the first five years of starting a full-time research position at an institution of higher education or research (e.g. Assistant Professor level or equivalent), based anywhere in the world, are eligible to apply.

**CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars** receive:

- \$100,000 CAD in unrestricted research support
- A two-year 'active' term in a CIFAR research program, a global, interdisciplinary network of top-tier research leaders
- Mentorship from a senior researcher in a CIFAR research program
- Opportunities to network, collaborate and form a community with high-calibre peers from diverse disciplines across CIFAR's research programs
- Interactive, expert-led training in leadership and communication skills, and support to put their skills into action

I have enclosed a package of promotional materials that we invite you to display and distribute. A Detailed Program Overview providing full information about the program, eligibility and how to apply is available on our website: [cifar.ca/global-scholars](http://cifar.ca/global-scholars). If you have any questions, please contact us at: [global.scholars@cifar.ca](mailto:global.scholars@cifar.ca).

Sincerely,

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