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The Board of the Canadian Foundation for Governance Research (CFGR) is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Bertram Scholarship. The 2018 recipients are: Julie Bernard, Hazel Hollingdale, Jingjing Wang and Dongning Yu.

The Bertram Scholarships support PhD students in Canadian universities with their governance research projects. It is intended to help build Canada's research capacity by supporting the next generation of young scholars studying governance issues.

The scholarships are named after Robert Bertram, a visionary leader with a passion for finance, governance and education. Mr. Bertram had an illustrious career leading the investment arm of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and is an experienced board member who has held governance roles with several prominent organizations including Cadillac Fairview and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment. Mr. Bertram is currently the Chair of the Board of the Canadian Foundation for Governance Research.

"Again this year, we had a wealth of very worthwhile applicants to choose from," said CFGR Executive Director, Matthew Fortier. "We are proud to support these scholars as they seek to advance our understanding and knowledge of organizational governance in Canada."

Briefly, the students and research projects supported by Bertram Scholarship in 2018 include:

Julie Bernard, Université Laval

Research project seeks to explore proxy voting as a strategy for shareholder engagement

Hazel Hollingdale, University of British Columbia

Research project looks at how diversity is defined and measured and what metrics are used to assess the cultural success of diversity initiatives

Jingjing Wang, University of Toronto

Research project examines how going concern uncertainties disclosed by managers could lead to changes in a firm's corporate governance structure.

Dongning Yu, University of Calgary

Research project examines the role of the board of directors in building resilient companies.

More information about the [2018 Bertram Scholars](#) and their research projects may be found on the CFGR website.

About the Canadian Foundation for Governance Research: The Canadian Foundation for Governance Research (CFGR) was established by the Institute of Corporate Directors to fund leading research on governance issues. Each year the CFGR administers the Bertram Scholarships to support young scholars with their governance research projects. The CFGR also provides a forum for the students to share their work with established governance professionals and disseminates their research through the CFGR website (www.cfgr.ca).

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