



## **Congratulations to Queen's Psychology's Kalee DeFrance!**

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Congratulations to Queen's Psychology's **Kalee DeFrance** on being awarded the prestigious Michael Smith award from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) website states: "The Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS) Program supports high-calibre Canadian graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions abroad. By accessing international scientific research and training, CGS-MSFSS recipients will contribute to strengthening the potential for collaboration between Canadian universities and affiliated research institutions and universities, or other research institutions outside of Canada. A total of 250 awards are available Canada-wide each year."

Kalee is currently a PhD student in Psychology working with Dr. Tom Hollenstein's Adolescent Dynamics Lab, and is also registered as a student at Cornell for the fall semester.

"The grant funds will be supporting me to expand my research to include how socioeconomic status impact the development of emotion and emotion regulation", Kalee explains. "Specifically, I'll be comparing low and middle income families to see if youth differ on the types of emotional experiences they have, the strategies they tend to use to regulate their emotions, and how successful they are when regulating their emotions. I'll also be looking at whether or not participants from different income levels differ on things like mental health, mindset, and perceived stress".

Kalee also received a Vanier Award in 2017.

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