

Dear ECEi community, innovators, entrepreneurs, friends of Queen's ECE,

Congrats are due to our ECEi students who are wrapping up another academic term. With lots to look back on and even more exciting events coming up ahead, here is a round-up of all we've been up to this term:

Opportunities

Here in ECEi we aim to help you access career and networking resources that you need to thrive as engineers and entrepreneurs. It's been rewarding to see employers and event organizers reach out directly to the ECEi Stream looking for their combination of technology, business, and innovation skills! Just in the last month we've spread the word about internships with C100, job opportunities with the [Boston Consulting Group](#), [FastApps](#), [OpenPhone](#), and exclusive discount tickets to the [SaaS North](#) conference. Make sure to stay in touch for more to come!

Innovation success

More and more ECEi students are creating exciting and promising startups. Isabela Dominguez Huerta, Ayrton Foster and their teammates have started [CtrlGate](#), a company aimed at securing gated communities. Connor Crowe is part of [FireFi Loyalty](#), a local business rewards startup that is taking Kingston by storm. If any of you are currently in the process of creating or growing your startup, remember to send your info to us so we can follow along and support your journey!

Many of you have expressed interest in the [QICSI](#) and [Foundry](#) programs, which resulted in fantastic turnout for the try-outs at [DDQIC](#) on Nov 16th. Can't wait to see what the new teams will create this summer!

Speakers

We have enjoyed extending the invitation to the ECEi students for the MMIE speaker series on campus and welcoming distinguished speakers to ECE specifically tailored to be relevant to our program. The most recent ECEi talk was Andrew Norris speaking on his unique start up journey on Nov 22. Kudos for asking Andrew some really good questions!

Almost Grads

For the first time in ECEi history, we have a 4th year class ready to graduate! You have explored your options for grad school at the EngSoc's *Graduate Studies Panel* on Nov 22nd and networked your hearts out at the *Engineering and Technology Career Fair* on Oct 16-17, learned about the [Masters of Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#) program through their info sessions, and felt your way around the innovation community at the *Ideate to Innovate* events in the fall.

WiSE

Our current first year ECEi class has the highest percentage of female students to date and you have had a great lineup of Industry networking events organized by the [Women in Science and Engineering \(WiSE\)](#) team. The recent Brunch with Industry was an amazing success!

Next steps

Thanks to our partnership with the amazing team at DDQIC, the winter term ECEi speaker events will be held in their beautiful new event space in Mitchell Hall on Jan 24, Feb 21, and March 21! Stay tuned for more details.

The [Queen's Startup Summit](#) is picking gears and their team are currently hiring execs! Perfect chance to network and build on your community. The first year exec position is now open and perfect for ECEi frosh years to immerse yourself into the innovation culture on campus from year one and get a head start.

The proposals for the [Mayor's Innovation Challenge](#) are due Friday, January 18th. This year there will be two separate challenge streams: the Public Sector Innovation Challenge and the Dunin-Desphande Smart Cities Challenge.

Stay tuned for more opportunities, news, and events next term. Wishing you all a fun and wonderful time this holiday season!
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