Dear ECEi students, alumni, and friends,
This year the very first ECEi class graduated from Queen’s. In the four years that the program has existed many of you have been able to achieve academic, career, and entrepreneurial goals that exceed even the most ambitious expectations, and many more of you are on your way to doing so.
There is lots to look back in the summer term, from the ECEi teams that stayed up for 36 hours as part of the biggest QHacks to date, to the K-Connect startup winning the Mayor’s Innovation Challenge, the sophisticated projects to be showcased at OCE Discovery, to the fantastic teams beginning their training at QICSI 2019. Here are just a few other highlights to look back at this term. Whether you are beginning your ECEi journey, or about to become an alumni, we wish you all the luck you need to reach your goals this summer!

Accelerators Mero technologies presented at L-Spark’s annual SaaS Showcase in Ottawa and won the “Most Creative Startup” at Digifest in Toronto!

If you’re inspired to follow their lead, there are plenty of accelerators to take advantage of in the summer. Creative Destruction Lab in Toronto offers multiple accelerator streams, with deadlines approaching from mid-May to August. And of course, don’t forget your local fantastic resources right here in the alma mater! According to Forbes, millennial entrepreneurs have a better chance of succeeding if they begin their project in a university-based incubator.

QyourVenture is an acceleration program for students run year-round on campus. If you are seeking support for your current venture, check out the program and other fantastic DDQIC initiatives, or schedule a meeting with a mentor to discuss the future of your project.

Queen’s Innovation centre Bootcamp
It’s summer again, and you know what that means - 46 founders will launch their own ventures over the course of the summer right here in Mitchell hall, and we get to follow along their journey on DDQIC’s entertaining reports. Stay up to date on #ECEi and DDQIC social channels to stay in the loop about the many more amazing teams to emerge from QICSI this year!
Summer is internship season. This year’s ECEi cohort are starting impressive positions at Google, Microsoft, Canada Post, IBM, Capco, and a number of consulting, engineering and tech companies. A summer internship is an impactful way to enhance your career and personal skills. Want to combine a summer internship with an unforgettable experience abroad? To experience a summer internship in the Silicon Valley and immerse yourself in the heart of startup culture, make sure to read up on the new #QEPSUP opportunity and get ready to apply next year.

Cansbridge Fellowship Conference
This year, with the support of the DDQIC, first year and second year students had a chance to have all their expenses paid to head to San Francisco for a weekend and grow their global mindset as part of the Cansbridge Fellowship conference. The week-long event included a pitch competition by the new cohort, the opportunity to learn from industry professionals, networking, and skill-development workshops. Learn more about other possibilities the Cansbridge Fellowship provides here.

Teams
ECEi students have permeated every engineering team in the faculty, and the skills you bring are unique and valuable. It was a pleasure to see our students at the Queen’s Rocket Engineering team showcase in March and here’s hoping for more good news after they compete at the annual Spaceport America Cup competition. Many of you are in the Hypeloop design team and will be heading off for the first time in July to compete in the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition. Wishing you the best of luck at the SpaceX headquarters!

Dragon’s Den
First Year ECEi students presented their first entrepreneurial projects to a team of judges during the final APSC 100 Engineering Design and Practice showcase. Your ideas ranged from sophisticated mapping applications, to shared music experience software, anti-theft devices and sensors that monitor washing machine occupancy in Queen’s residence. The pitch presentation winning team was team E with the Encomon Environment Condition Monitor, but all the teams deserve a solid round of applause for their work.