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Factsheet on Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science at Concordia University

Montreal, QC, Canada: September 24, 2018 — As the first woman to receive a PhD in building engineering from Concordia University in 1989, Gina Parvaneh Cody is a pioneer who became a leader in her profession. In recognition of her transformative \$15-million gift, the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science will become the first engineering faculty in Canada named after a woman. Gina Cody is investing in Concordia to foster gender equity, diversity and inclusion. Here is what her gift will accomplish:

- Support for graduate and undergraduate scholarships.
- Funding for next-gen research on smart cities.
- Three new chairs — in data analytics and artificial intelligence; the internet of things; Industry 4.0 and advanced manufacturing.
- A special fund for equity, diversity and inclusion programming, through a matching donation from Concordia.

Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science — in numbers:

- 10,036 students
 - Undergraduates: 5,575
 - Graduates: 4,461
- 26,222 alumni worldwide
- 53 programs
- 7 departments
- 36 research chairs
- 12 research centres
- 223 professors
- 211 staff

Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science — pride points:

- The Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science (GCS) ranks among Canada's [top 10 programs by Maclean's](#) and 11th for Computer Science.
- The Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science includes the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering that was [internationally ranked within one year](#).
- In 2017, the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science was among nine Canadian institutions to receive a [Canada Excellence Research Chair \(CERC\)](#), a position that comes with \$10 million in research funding. The CERC chair will focus on Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Cities and Communities.
- The Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science is the recipient of the [Strategic Network in Green Surface Engineering for Advanced Manufacturing](#) (Green-SEAM), a \$5.5 million grant funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and supported by a network of academic institutions, industry partners and international collaborators.
- In 2017, [Hydro-Québec](#) gave \$3.9 million to fund three industrial research chairs in Concordia's Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science to advance cutting-edge research.

Related links:

- Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science: www.concordia.ca/ginacody
- Concordia University: www.concordia.ca

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