



THE RPIA ACE SCHOLARSHIP

IN ROTMAN COMMERCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

RPIA has pledged \$5,000 CAD/year for a non-renewable expendable scholarship for an upper year student in the Rotman Commerce Program who self-identifies as either Black or Indigenous to Canada and maintains good academic standing. Although not required, preference is given to students with an interest and/or completed coursework in Finance.

Our aim with this scholarship is to have a strong impact on a student's life as they launch into their career. Our conversations with the university revealed the increased tuition for upper year students and the university's desire to improve support for Black and Indigenous students in the program. The result was the RPIA ACE Scholarship, which we hope will help bridge the existing gaps and help a new student every year. In addition to financial support, we hope to include every year's recipient in our firm's internal Mentorship Program, where they can learn from industry leaders and gain valuable insights and advice for their career growth.

ABOUT THE RPIA ACE PROGRAM

The RPIA ACE Program stands for Academic & Community Empowerment and aims to provide a wealth of opportunities to disenfranchised groups either through academic or community-driven initiatives. The program will focus on nurturing the next generation of leaders in Canada through a variety of programs including scholarships, internships, mentorship, and financial literacy. As a firm, we are committed to empowering and nurturing the unlimited potential in our community.

MEET THE 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Onome Gbinije

Onome Gbinije is a fourth-year student at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, with a double major in Finance and Financial Statement Analysis and a minor in Economics. She chose to explore a career in capital markets because she enjoys the opportunity to make connections between the economy and financial markets and risks in the constantly changing and evolving environment. She has completed internships in both the public and private side, from Real Estate Corporate Banking to Sales & Trading, and Asset Management. Outside of academics, she is a Varsity Track and Field sprinter at the University of Toronto.

“I don't take for granted the impact of every opportunity I experience because I know that the most crucial investment I can make is in myself. Every opportunity, no matter how small, has the potential to shape my life in profound ways as I learn and grow. By investing in myself and embracing these experiences, I can unlock my full potential and achieve my greatest aspirations.”

- Onome Gbinije

RPIA ACE Scholarship Recipient (2023) from the University of Toronto

■ Why did you apply for the RPIA ACE Scholarship?

Onome: I was drawn to apply for the RPIA ACE Scholarship because of RPIA's commitment to advance my knowledge through different initiatives like the mentorship program in addition to the scholarship. I have experienced firsthand the benefits of mentorship and how it has changed the way I navigate my career. I want to continue to acquire knowledge not only for myself, but also for others within my different community groups. This scholarship and RPIA's mentorship program can definitely help my professional development, so I can pay it forward and give back to my community in the future.



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Onome Gbinije was selected by the independent Scholarship Selection Committee at the University of Toronto in February 2023.