

FALL 2020 VIRTUAL ENGINEERING EVENTS

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Due to social distancing and all the rules set into place to keep everyone safe, university life is going to look different in Fall 2020, but that is okay! We were all expecting this and had a whole summer to prepare, so do not fret. Clubs on campus are working with companies to provide students access to a variety of virtual events during the semester. This might be even more ideal for the many students who are usually too busy during the semester to attend otherwise. See? There is always a silver lining.

I am part of the executive team for Promoting Opportunities for Women in Engineering (POWE) and I can let you in on a little secret: we are still hosting events and have an amazing semester coming up for everyone! We are looking at hosting virtual events as an opportunity to broaden our reach to the McGill community. During the semester, we host industry tours to engineering companies

across Montreal, but sometimes the offices are too far and transportation is too complicated and costly. This semester, given that everything will be remote, we plan on hosting virtual industry tours, allowing us to broaden the radius of company offices we can tour. Similarly, companies from around the world will be invited to attend our networking events at no cost for them! We are hoping that these opportunities will bring smiles to our general members' (your!) faces.

Furthermore, the Engineering Career Centre (ECC) is working hard to make all their events that students know and love, such as the semi-annual TechFair, virtual. By providing students with virtual alternatives, the McGill engineering administration is hoping to support and engage students in receiving the full potential of the McGill engineering life. You should think of McGill's online semester as an opportunity to try some-

thing new! Whether you were too shy before, or you never thought of a particular opportunity as something feasible for you, this semester you can take the leap and reach a little bit outside of your comfort zone. And as a new McGill student, I highly suggest you take this semester as a chance to discover what is out there. In doing so, you can start to develop soft skills that will help you in your path towards an undergraduate degree, because engineering isn't just math and physics! A lot of it is knowing your strengths, improving your weak points, knowing how to work with people, and building your network.

Take this opportunity to discover what kind of engineer you want to be. As a fourth year student in engineering at McGill, I shall leave you with this question: *what is something you have been meaning to get around to but simply haven't found the time yet?* ♦