

The Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation

*21st Annual Awards
Apéro Reception*

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*Mino Brasserie
225 West 12th Street
New York, NY 10011*



*Welcome
Bienvenue*



Dear Distinguished Academics, Laureates, and Friends,

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to the 21st Awards Ceremony of the Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation. I thank all who have contributed to making possible this evening and our work over the years.

The frontiers of culture do not, in fact, coincide with national boundaries. The latter divide people according to loyalties and customs, but not according to what makes them happy, what makes one a genuine human being. Technology has made it easy to cross national frontiers physically, but there has been no invention of new mental habits to enable people to relate to others who have different world views. For that to happen, we must encourage young people to travel, to study and to live in countries different from their own. When individuals look beyond their familiar surroundings, they discover that many strangers share their emotions and interests.

Our foundation's objective is to give students opportunities to find connections between what seems to have no connection, linking applied science with culture, people, and places by fostering communications, encounters and exchanges.

Very warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Lohez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Program

Francis Dubois
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome
Ms. Dening Wu Lohez

Remarks

Scholarship Awards

About the Foundation

Founded in 2005, the Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation is the only charitable organization established after the 9/11 tragedy that is dedicated specifically to promoting cultural and educational exchange among the United States, France, and China.

By providing scholarship awards to multinational students, enabling them to study in one another's homelands, the Foundation aims to shape the next generation of global citizens, along with a new class of international policy makers.

The Foundation also seeks to develop a pool of highly trained multicultural business leaders to serve as innovators in global commerce.

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The Scholarships

Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Foundation applicants are screened by the Foundation's executive board of internationally qualified professionals and academics.

The Foundation provides scholarships to students, regardless of their nationalities, who participate in dual-degree programs at universities that are associated with the Lohez 9/11 Foundation:

The Alliance Program at Columbia University – Columbia University / Sciences Po / École Polytechnique Palaiseau / Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

The Fudan School of Journalism (China) /Sciences Po Dual Degree Program on Global Communications and Media

The Fudan School of International Relations and Public Administration (China) /Sciences Po Dual Degree Program on Asia, Europe, Global Affairs

Stevens Institute of Technology / EPITA (Paris) Dual Degree Program on Information Systems, Business, Engineering.

The scholarship will be an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

All recipients are required to participate in the Ambassadors Program for one year.

Scholarship Recipients

Shingirai Mhike began his academic journey at the University of Zimbabwe, where he studied Actuarial Science from 2019 to 2023 and developed a strong foundation in quantitative thinking, risk analysis, and financial systems. During this time, he cultivated not only technical skills, but also a disciplined approach to problem-solving and a growing curiosity about how financial models translate into real-world impact.



He joined Old Mutual Limited in 2023 where he gained a deeper understanding of the responsibility that comes with designing financial solutions that affect people’s security and long-term wellbeing. In 2025, he began pursuing a master’s degree in financial engineering at Stevens. The transition challenged him to think more critically, adapt to a fast-paced environment, and engage deeply with complex financial concepts. Looking ahead, Shingirai aims to build a career in quantitative finance, particularly in areas such as risk management, derivatives, and data-driven decision-making. *“I believe uncertainty is not something to be avoided, but something to be understood—modeled, measured, and navigated through stochastic thinking to create better decisions in an unpredictable world.”*



Raluca Mihoci is a Romanian dual degree student at Columbia University and Sciences Po Paris, studying Economics. Having lived and studied across Romania, France, the United Kingdom, and soon the United States, she aims to bring a deeply multicultural perspective to all her work. Beyond her passion for economics, Raluca is an avid pursuer of the arts, and a believer in its

unifying power.



Aman Singh is a master's student in Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence at Stevens Institute of Technology, where he maintains a 3.9 GPA while working as a Graduate Assistant and serving as Vice President of the Business Intelligence and Analytics (BIA) Club.

Originally from India, Aman brings over five years of professional experience across B2B, pharmaceuticals, and edtech sector, focusing on business strategy, analytics, and team leadership across fast-paced and multi-industry environments. Before joining Stevens, he served as a Senior Manager, leading cross-functional teams and managing clients across various sectors. This experience shaped his approach to solving problems through structured thinking and data-driven decision-making.

Aman also co-founded a non-profit organization in India, where he led community development initiatives in partnership with organizations such as the Rotary Club and Indian Railways strengthening his belief in leadership grounded in impact and collaboration. He is currently focused on exploring how data and artificial intelligence can be applied to real-world business challenges, with long-term interests in building solutions at the intersection of business, technology, and social impact.



Ernest Tan is a junior in the dual degree program between Columbia University and Sciences Po Paris, studying economics, mathematics, and sociology. Originally from multicultural Singapore, Ernest came to the program with a deep curiosity about the forces shaping inequality, across cities, education systems, and social institutions, and has

since developed a research focus at the intersection of urban economics and public policy.

During his first two years at Sciences Po, Ernest interned at Singapore's Ministry of Social and Family Development, working directly with at-risk youth at a government-run juvenile rehabilitation center and later at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' International Economics Directorate, where he learned about trade and sustainable development policy. At Columbia, he has been named one of twelve undergraduate Global Thought Scholars and is developing an independent research project on food pantry access in Morningside Heights. He also works as a Research Assistant in urban and transportation economics at the Department of Economics.

Beyond academia, Ernest also serves as Advisor and founding Managing Director (Paris) for Project Hastings, a Canadian charity providing food and other necessities to the unhoused population.

Academic Partners



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