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Ivey Engineering Awards \$1,000 Scholarship to Tufts University Freshman Charu Vijay

Vijay is IEI's summer 2020 scholarship winner. She competed with more than 100 other college students and her winning essay discusses six tips to follow when hiring a building contractor.

Aug. 27, 2020, San Diego, Calif. — Ivey Engineering, Inc. (IEI), an engineering consulting firm, is pleased to announce that Charu Vijay of Sarasota, Calif., is the winner of the summer 2020 bi-annual scholarship essay contest. Vijay, an environmental engineering major, plans to attend Tufts University in Medford, Mass., this fall.

"Thank you so much for this opportunity," says Vijay, after finding out she won the scholarship.

Vijay is IEI's seventh winner of the bi-annual scholarship. The company started the scholarship in 2017. Vijay competed with more than 100 other college students from the United States and Canada. Applicants were tasked to write an 800- to 1,000-word essay on one of three topics and were judged for creativity and originality.

Vijay's winning essay discusses six tips for hiring a building contractor for a commercial project. One tip she mentions is to select a contractor with exceptional character. "Someone with a strong moral compass will follow the right standards and be trustworthy, assets necessary for a successful project," Vijay explains in her essay.

Good communication skills is another essential contractor component of character, she says. "Through the building process, it is necessary to have someone who establishes effective methods of contact and clearly explains procedures."

"Charu's essay was thorough and creative in explaining tips to follow for hiring a contractor," says [Scott Friesen](#), president of IEI. "The quality of her essay shows why she came out on top as the winner," he says.

Vijay chose environment engineering as a major because of her passion for saving the Earth. She felt even more determined to explore conservation after seeing the effects of plastic pollution on marine ecosystems during a school trip to Belize. She sees herself in the next 10 years starting a company that ensures access to sustainable solutions around the world.

"Many developing nations are struggling with the transition away from fossil fuels, given that it is expensive and complicated," Vijay explains. "I'll use what I've learned utilizing novel technology to make conservation easier for every country, business and person."

"We're excited for Charu and wish her the best as she pursues her goals," Friesen says.

Any potential or current college or university undergraduate student within the United States or Canada is able to apply for the scholarship. The next deadline for essay submissions is Nov. 1, 2020. For contest requirements or for more information about the scholarship, visit IEI's [scholarship web page](#).

About Ivey Engineering

IEI is an expert witness and building systems consulting firm in San Diego, California. Established in 1994, IEI services clients in over 40 states and in several Canadian provinces. IEI's consultants have experience in the design, construction, service and repair of HVAC, plumbing and fire protection systems, as well as energy efficiency related issues. To read more about Ivey Engineering and its consulting services, visit the company's [website](#).

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