

2026 GLOBAL AI INNOVATION & FUTURE LEADERS SUMMIT



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Former Microsoft China President × MIT-trained Scientists × Leading Academics & Industry Leaders

Explore Education, Careers & New Possibilities in the AI Era

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Sunday, October 18, 2026

UBC Nest · Great Hall, Level 2

Vancouver, Canada

10:00–10:30 Check-in, refreshments & exhibits | **10:30 AM Opening** (PDT)

FEATURED GUESTS

Meet the People Shaping What Comes Next

RESEARCH · TECHNOLOGY · BUSINESS · MEDIA



Julia Rubin

**Canada Research
Chair in Trustworthy
Software**

UBC Professor · Former MIT
Postdoc; nearly 10 years at
IBM Research



Jack Gao

**Former President,
Microsoft China**

Former SVP, News Corp & 21st
Century Fox; Founding
Partner & CEO, Smart
Cinema



Henry Kilgore

**PhD in Chemistry, MIT
UBC Assistant
Professor**

Published in Science and
Nature Chemical Biology



Michael Unger

**H.R. MacMillan Space
Centre Program
Director**

Community Engagement,
Science Fair Foundation BC



Alina Wan

**Director & Partner, ViaX Research Education Canada, Summit Organizer
Director, International Youth Research & AI Innovation Challenge**

With a decade of experience in education and a background in UBC Sauder's
MarComm Department, Alina connects young people with world-class research
and hands-on AI. Through ViaX's global network of 5,500+ professors and mentors
from top universities, she helps students turn curiosity into meaningful research,
build the confidence to innovate and create work with meaningful impact.



Charlie Wang

Partner, Celtic House

Early Investor in UniUni
& Fantuan



Gao Chao

**Former PR Director,
Amazon China &
Uber China**



Todd Ye

**Fairchild Media
Group
President & General
Manager**



Shasha Liu

**Board Director,
S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Foundation**

Former Producer &
Host, CCTV-4

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Four Ways to Explore Your Future

Keynotes & Science Roundtable

From trustworthy AI to scientific
discovery, meet leading researchers
and explore opportunities beyond the
classroom.

Meet NGOs & Explore Local Opportunities

Explore local opportunities through
nonprofit discussions, exhibits and
networking with organizations working
on real-world issues.

Education & Careers in the AI Era

Hear from technology, business and
media leaders about the skills that
matter, choosing a direction and
making your strengths visible.

Hands-on AI Workshops

Explore AI tools and hardware, test your
ideas and meet peers from other
schools. Find inspiration for research,
portfolios and future projects.

OCTOBER 18 · GLOBAL LAUNCH · FUTURE IMPACT CHALLENGE 2027

International Youth Research & AI Innovation Challenge

Turn real-world challenges into meaningful research and tangible
results you can present with confidence. Over approximately three
months, develop a research report, prototype or tested solution that
showcases your abilities and helps you stand out in university
applications and beyond. Finalists present their work to academic and
industry experts and compete for international recognition.

FREE ENTRY

Enter solo or in teams of 2–6 · High school & university divisions · No coding
background required

✓ **Research Reports &
Prototypes**

✓ **Expert Feedback for
Finalists**

✓ **International
Showcase
Opportunities**

✓ **Media Opportunities
for Selected Projects**

✓ **Evidence for
University
Applications**

✓ **Research
Scholarships for
Winners**

**Winners receive research programme scholarships to support further research and
academic practice.**

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Launch & Registration

📍 Canada Division

February 2027

National Finals

📍 Vancouver

Qualifying students will be
invited

International Finals

📍 Carnegie Mellon University,
USA

Selected Partners & Speakers' Current / Former Affiliations

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