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Laurier quantum physicist named a 2014 TED Fellow

WATERLOO – Shohini Ghose, an associate physics professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, has been named a 2014 TED Fellow, one of only two Canadians chosen for the prestigious program.

Ghose was chosen as an expert and innovator in her field, and joins 20 other international, interdisciplinary TED Fellows, including scientists, conservationists, educators, artists and musicians. She is described on the TED website as a “theoretical physicist who examines how the laws of quantum mechanics may be harnessed to develop next-generation computers and novel protocols.”

“TED is all about creativity, curiosity, inspiration and collaboration,” said Ghose. “It is a huge honour to be a part of this amazing community of people from around world.”

Each year since 2007, the TED organization has chosen a contingent of Fellows from applicants who demonstrate remarkable accomplishment in their fields of endeavour. The Fellows, according to the organizers, are “courageous, accomplished young innovators from around the world,” handpicked to raise international awareness of their work.

“Ghose’s work continues to make Laurier an exceptional destination for students and faculty researchers. Even more, her work continues to have a positive impact on women in science worldwide,” said Abby Goodrum, Laurier’s vice-president: Research. “She is, indeed, a bright star.”

Among her duties as a TED Fellow, Ghose will deliver a Ted Talk on her work at the Vancouver TED conference, which runs from March 17 to 21, 2014. The milestone event also marks the organization’s 30th anniversary.

TED is a non-profit organization that brings together the world’s most inspired thinkers and makes their talks and performances available to the world. For more information about TED, visit www.ted.com.

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