2026 Intern Award

Nadith Gunasekara, EIT

Nadith Gunasekara, EIT, graduated from the University of Manitoba in April 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and became an engineering intern on July 30, 2025.

Nadith currently serves as a Junior Structures Engineer-in-Training at Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) within the Bridges and Highway Structures Branch. He completed two four-month co-op terms with MTI, gaining experience in Highway Operations and Hydrologic Forecasting, before transitioning into his current role, which spans project management and structural engineering. Notably, Nadith served as Project Manager through the preliminary and detailed design phases for the Kapelus Drive over Grassmere Drain Bridge replacement project. In addition, he oversees consultant performance on a portfolio of bridge projects, including Parks Creek, Woody River, and the Pine River Bridge rehabilitation, ensuring regulatory compliance while managing budgets and structural alternatives.

In addition to his work at MTI, Nadith actively supports the engineering profession through leadership, mentorship, and academic contributions. He served as Team Lead for the University of Manitoba Steel Bridge Team, mentoring junior members and coordinating competition preparation. As Social Committee Chair for the MTI EIT Conference, he organized professional development and networking events to strengthen engagement between Engineers-in-Training and senior engineers. Nadith has also co-authored peer-reviewed journal articles on hemp seed peptide research and represented his work at an international biotechnology competition in Thailand.

Nadith is deeply committed to community service and volunteerism. During the 2025 provincial wildfire evacuations, he assisted with evacuee intake, registration, and housing coordination. He also supported sandbagging operations during the 2026 Peguis First Nation flood emergency. Demonstrating a strong commitment to promoting the profession, he volunteered as a judge at the 2026 Manitoba Schools Science Symposium and is developing an engineering mentorship initiative through the Sri Lankan Youth Organization to support underrepresented pre-engineering students. His accomplishments have been recognized through multiple honours, including awards at the Canadian National Steel Bridge Competition and the Manitoba Sanofi Aventis Biotech Challenge, as well as academic scholarships such as the James Lawrence McEwan Memorial Award.

Nadith is passionate about advancing his career in bridge engineering and supporting the next generation of engineers through mentorship and professional engagement.

In recognition of his exceptional technical achievements, leadership, and outstanding service to the community while training as an engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is pleased to present the 2026 Intern Award to Nadith Gunasekara, EIT.