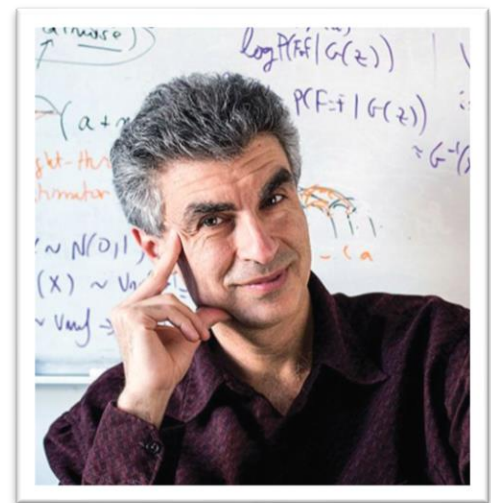## Yoshua Bengio, FRSC

Renowned as one of the world's leading experts in artificial intelligence and a pioneer of deep learning, Yoshua Bengio was educated in Montreal, obtained his Ph.D. in Computer Science from McGill University in 1991, and completed his postdoctoral studies at MIT.

He has been a professor in the Department of Computer Science and Operations Research at the Université de Montréal since 1993 and he holds the Canada Research Chair in Statistical Learning Algorithms. He is also the Scientific Director at IVADO as well as Mila, the Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute, the largest academic group of deep learning research in the world.

An Officer of the Order of Canada, Bengio is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a recipient of the Marie-Victorin award, and he was named the 2017 'Scientist of the Year' by Radio-Canada. In 2018, he was awarded the 50th Anniversary Medal of the Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie.

Yoshua Bengio is one of the most cited computer scientists in the world owing to his three books and over 500 publications. His h-index is 137 with over 170,000 citations by Google Scholar. His ambition is to understand the principles that lead to intelligence through learning, as well as to foster the development of artificial intelligence for the benefit of all.

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