

Eric L. Adler Fellowship in Electrical Engineering

Established In Honour of Professor Emeritus Eric L. Adler (1930-2017)

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"Professor Adler was instrumental for the success of his international graduate students, coming from disparate backgrounds and systems of education. He guided them patiently on an individual basis to overcome any difficulties being faced and to bring out the best in them. He remains as my idol for being a great teacher and mentor."

- **Ram Panda** (M.Eng. 1971, MBA 1977), Fellowship Benefactor

Eric L. Adler (1930-2017) was born in Alexandria, Egypt undergoing fraught early years. In May 1948 he was arrested after finishing his London Matriculation exams, as he was stateless.

After successfully gaining freedom, he found Canada was welcoming to engineers and that he could receive financial support to pursue further studies. He received his Master's in Applied Sciences from the University of Toronto in 1959 and joined McGill as Assistant Professor in 1961. He studied acoustoelectric effects, thin film transducers and acoustic amplification. His most influential work dealt with surface acoustic waves (SAW) and he developed a computer program which became the industry standard for SAW device designers.

As Associate Dean (Academic) from 1977 to 1985, Professor Adler played a key role during a period of major curriculum development, allowing the Faculty to be more welcoming towards female students. He was well-regarded by his students and remembered as an empathetic educator.

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