



## Global Affairs Canada - [Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development – Phase 2 \(SEED-2\)](#)

“Short-term exchange opportunities for study or research, in Canada, at the undergraduate and graduate levels”

The University of Victoria is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. See below for details about eligibility and application requirements.

For questions, please contact the Office of Global Engagement, [world@uvic.ca](mailto:world@uvic.ca).

### Eligibility

Scholarships may only be awarded to individuals who are:

- Citizens of an **ASEAN member States, Pacific Island Countries** or **Mongolia**.
- Enrolled **full-time** at a post-secondary institution in an eligible country.
- Paying tuition fees to that institution at the time of application and for the full duration of the exchange.

Scholarships may not be awarded to individuals who:

- Hold or have a pending application for Canadian citizenship or permanent residency
- Are already participating in a scholarship program funded by the Government of Canada
- Are already enrolled in a degree, diploma or certificate program at a Canadian post-secondary institution
- Have previously received a scholarship under the first phase of the program: the Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED)

### Other Requirements

- For applications pursuing studies at UVic, a written student exchange agreement must be in place at the time of application.
- For undergraduate or graduate research applicants, an institutional agreement with UVic is not required. Research applicants must identify and confirm a host supervisor at UVic. If awarded an SEED scholarship, research applicants will register at UVic via the [Visiting International Research Student](#) (VIRS) or [Graduate Visiting Research Student](#) (GVRS) program.

### Value and Duration

*All values are in Canadian Dollars*

- \$10,200 CAN for undergraduate or graduate students for one term (4 months)
- \$15,900 CAN for undergraduate students for two terms (8 months)
- \$12,700 CAN for graduate students for 5-6 months

### Key Dates

- **March 10, 2026 at 12:00pm PT:** UVic application deadline
- May/June: final selection and communication of results
- Scholarship recipients may commence their studies or research between August 1, 2026 and February 1, 2027. UVic will disburse scholarship funds to scholarship recipient upon their arrival in Victoria.

## Application Process & Requirements

The University of Victoria applies on behalf of the candidate(s).

1. Complete the online "SEED Application Form" before the deadline.

**NOTE: all application submissions are final.** Please ensure to review and confirm details and documents provided in the application are correct and accurate. No changes to the application will be permitted after official submission.

2. Prepare and submit the following required supporting documents in the application form:

- a. **Privacy Notice Statement for Non-Canadian Participants**

- [Download from SEED website](#)
- Must be completed, signed, and dated for consideration of the scholarship within the last 6 months.

- b. **Proof of Citizenship**

- Photo or scan of passport or national identify document.
- Ensure the photo/scan is clear and legible.

- c. **Proof of Full-Time Enrollment at Home University**

- Provide a letter from the home university that confirms the applicant is **enrolled full time** and will continue to be enrolled full time upon return.
- The letter must be written in English on official home university letterhead, and signed and dated within the last six months.
- **NOTE:** it is a key eligibility requirement that the applicant is and will maintain full-time student status; ensure this is clearly stated in this letter.

- d. **Letter of Intent from Applicant**

- Provide a letter that outlines the nature of the studies/research to be undertaken; the rationale for choosing Canada, the University of Victoria, and the program; and, how the program will impact the applicant's career.
- The letter explains how undertaking study or research in Canada will empower the student to apply their learning to address the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The letter explains how they intend to use their learning to help reduce poverty and narrow the development gap in their region in their future career
- The letter identifies the [Sustainable Development Goal](#) (SDG) their proposed study or research in Canada is aligned with and will contribute to (letters that do not identify an SDG will be deemed incomplete and not eligible)
- The letter must be a maximum of one page, written in English, and signed and dated by the applicant.

- e. **Letter of Support from the Home Institution**

- Provide a letter prepared by the applicant's instructor, professor, or international director at the home university. The letter must explain the nature of the studies/research to be undertaken and how the applicant and home university will benefit from the scholarship program.
- The letter must be a maximum of one page, written in English on official home university letterhead, and signed and dated within the last six months.

### Additional documents for research applicants ONLY

- f. **Letter of Invitation from Canadian Supervisor - Required for Undergraduate and Graduate Research Students**
- Provide a letter prepared by the applicant's UVic research supervisor. The letter must indicate the supervisor's willingness to support and mentor the applicant. It should also demonstrate how UVic, the supervisor, the applicant, and peers will benefit from the applicant's participation.
  - The letter must be a maximum of one page, written in English or French on official UVic letterhead, and signed and dated within the last six months.
- g. **Visiting International Research Student (VIRS) Agreement – Required for Undergraduate Research Students ONLY**
- Download [VIRS Agreement here](#)
  - Requires signatures from home and host institutions to verify the research agreement.
  - The “host institution's international coordinator” signature may be left blank; this will be signed by the Office of Global Engagement at UVic.

**3. Submit everything online no later than March 10, 2026, 12:00pm PT.**

4. UVic will submit qualifying applications to the Government of Canada by the official deadline. Our office will be in touch with applicants to ensure that ALL REQUIRED information and support documents have been submitted accordingly.

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