PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Student International Activities Fund (SIAF) is intended to assist UVic students with their participation in unpaid, international learning activities. The primary purpose of these activities is to prepare students and graduates for a “global future” as professionals and as informed, responsible and effective citizens in the world.

These international activities should provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and perspectives needed to live, work and communicate in a changing international environment.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The SIAF funds unpaid initiatives that give students a unique experience in the global community. Such initiatives include, but are not limited to, the following:

- International work-integrated learning (co-op/ internship/practicum) with no or low monthly allowance
- Field school programs organized by UVic or other universities
- Exchange programs organized by UVic
- Study abroad programs organized by UVic
- Unpaid volunteer opportunities
- International seminars organized by organizations such as the World University Service Canada (WUSC)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students.
- Undergraduate students must be registered in a total of 12 or more units of study in two academic terms in the 12 month period (May to April) immediately preceding the adjudication of the award.
- The international activity must be unpaid (small stipend acceptable).
- Programs must at least 2 weeks long.
- The international activity must commence within 12 months of the application deadline used. Applications can be submitted retroactively.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Three competitions are held each year. The deadlines for applications are 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of March, July, and November.

Applications must be submitted to the Office of Global Engagement either in person to University Centre, Room B202, or by email as a SINGLE pdf document to world@uvic.ca.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure that all parts of the application (including references) are submitted.

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Applicants must provide the following as detailed in the attached pages:

☐ Section 1: Applicant Information
☐ Section 2: Declaration
☐ Section 3: Budget Worksheet
☐ Section 4: Reference
☐ Section 5: Statement of Purpose

Applicants wishing to be considered for the Asia Undergraduate Supplement (Appendix 1), or the Asia Graduate Supplement (Appendix 2) must also provide:

☐ Section 6: Administrative Transcripts
☐ Section 7: Academic Reference

SELECTION CRITERIA

All complete, eligible applications received by the relevant deadline will be assessed by merit based on the following criteria:

- **Fit with program objectives.** Each application will be evaluated on how it contributes to the broader objectives of this funding program as outlined above.
- **Fit with academic program.** Each application will be assessed by how the proposed activity complements the student’s academic program and how well it demonstrates the significance of the international activity to the student’s academic goals.
- **Financial need.** Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be informed of the outcome by letter no later than 4 weeks after the relevant deadline. Successful applicants must begin the international activity within 12 months of award deadline.

Upon their return, award recipients must submit a brief narrative report that summarizes the activity, what they have learned from the experience, and any other insights related to their time abroad.

AWARD VALUE

The value (CDN) of each award is as follows:

- **Student International Activities Fund Award (any country)** ...................... $500
  - Asia Undergrad Supplement  . $1,000
  - Asia Graduate Supplement ... $5,000

Funds may be used for airfare, visa fees, medical insurance, vaccinations, local transportation, accommodation, and related living expenses.

CANCELLATION AND POSTPONEMENT

Award recipients unable to participate in their international activity must notify Global Engagement immediately and return any funds received.

Students prevented from participating in their scheduled activity for reasons beyond their control may request a postponement of their award provided they begin their activity within 12 months of the award notification.

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APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1: Applicant Information

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You may also be eligible for one of the following supplemental awards (please see application instructions in appendix 1 and 2)

Applying for (optional)  
✧ Asia Undergraduate Supplement
✧ Asia Graduate Supplement

SECTION 2: Declaration

I hereby apply for the Student International Activities Fund and certify that the information given in this application is true and complete.

I hereby confirm that I am a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at the University of Victoria. If an undergraduate student, I’m registered in a total of 12 or more units of study in two academic terms in the 12 month period (May to April) immediately preceding the adjudication of the award.

I hereby confirm that the international activity in which I participate is a minimum of two weeks long.

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Applicant Signature   Date
**SECTION 3: Budget Worksheet**

This worksheet is intended as a planning tool and will help demonstrate to the grant selection committee how well you have planned for your international experience.

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$\textbf{Total Funding minus Total Expenses equals:} \quad$ \$\ $

**Tips and reminders:**

- Do some research before you fill out the worksheet, e.g. find out the price of your air fare, your accommodation and other travel related costs for your international activities abroad.
- If you will remain registered at UVic and pay tuition while you are abroad, enter that amount in the budget worksheet. Tuition and related costs are only for the period while you are abroad.
- The Estimated Funding might include your Registered Education Savings Plan or other. Please specify in Other Funding part if applicable.”
SECTION 4: Reference Form

Instructions to applicants:
Choose a referee who can speak to your suitability for the proposed international activity. This may be a professor, academic advisor or supervisor, or a work/volunteer supervisor. The reference should not be a family member or close personal friend. If you intend to use the same reference to apply for a supplemental award it has to be from a UVic professor. Send or give one copy of this form to your referee, asking them to provide the information indicated below. Make sure the form is signed by your referee and given to you to submit with your application.

Applicant’s Full Name: ____________________________________________________________

Referee’s Full Name: ____________________________________________________________

Referee’s Relationship to Applicant: _____________________________________________

Information for referees:
The adjudication committee relies on the recommendations and information provided to them by referees. The quality and accuracy of each reference is very important to the candidate's application.

1) Describe either the applicant’s academic accomplishments (e.g. student’s ranking in a class, participation, work ethic) or the applicant’s volunteer/community activities (e.g. coaching, working with children, working with volunteer organizations)

2) Describe what you know of the applicant’s activities in general including involvement with peers, leadership roles taken, abilities, employment, family obligations, etc.

3) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Referee signature: ____________________________________________________________  Please return this form directly to the applicant named above.
SECTION 5: Statement of Purpose

Attach a statement of purpose describing your proposed activity. The statement must be 2-3 pages, double spaced, minimum 12-pt. font, and should include the following:

**International Activity**
- Name and type of activity,
- Your area of study/research,
- Organizer of activity (e.g. UVic department, WUSC),
- In which country or countries will the proposed activity be conducted, and
- What are the dates of the proposed activity?

**Resources**
- Have applications been made to other potential sponsors?
- What is the approximate amount of funding that is sought for the whole activity?
- How much funding has been secured from other sources to date?
- How much of your own funding do you have available for this activity?

**Motivation**
- How do you expect this experience to impact your learning? What do you hope to achieve through this experience?
- How does this activity complement your study program?
- How does this activity contribute toward your academic and professional goals?
- In which ways do you expect this activity will prepare you to become a more informed, responsible, engaged citizen and professional in an ever-changing intercultural environment?

Applicants for the Asia Travel Supplement or Asia Graduate Supplement see additional application instructions attached.

Submit your application

**IN PERSON**
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**BY EMAIL**
As a single pdf document to world@uvic.ca
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ASIA UNDERGRADUATE SUPPLEMENT

SIAF applicants who are undergraduate students and whose international activity takes place in Asia-Pacific (including Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii) may apply for the President’s Asia Partners Travel Supplement (Asia Undergraduate Supplement). Applications should demonstrate the student’s academic achievement and cultural competencies as well as the value of the international experience to the student’s academic program.

The Asia Travel Supplement supports SIAF-eligible activities with the exception of volunteer opportunities, international seminars, and Co-op placements (Co-op students are directed to apply for similar support through the Cooperative Education Program). Internships are eligible provided they are part of an academic program.

The value of each Asia Undergraduate Supplement is CDN $1,000.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SIAF applicants applying for this supplement must include the following additional components in their SIAF application:

SECTION 6: Administrative Transcripts

Attach a copy of your Administrative (unofficial) Transcripts.

SECTION 7: Academic Reference

Choose one academic referee who can confirm (a) the value of the proposed activity in the Asia-Pacific region to your academic program and (b) your academic abilities and cultural competencies that will ensure your success in the international activity.

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SIAF applicants who are graduate students and whose international activity takes place in Asia-Pacific (including Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii) may apply for the Asia Graduate Supplement. Applications should demonstrate the student’s academic achievement and cultural competencies, as well as the value of the international experience to the student’s academic program.

The Asia Graduate Supplement supports SIAF-eligible activities with the exception of volunteer opportunities, international seminars, and Co-op placements (Co-op students are directed to apply for similar support through the Cooperative Education Program). Internships are eligible provided they are part of an academic program.

The value of each Asia Graduate Supplement is CDN $5,000.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SIAF applicants applying for this supplement must include the following additional components in their SIAF application:

**SECTION 6: Administrative Transcripts**

Attach a copy of your Administrative (unofficial) Transcripts.

**SECTION 7: Academic Reference**

Attach a letter of support from a UVic professor confirming (a) the value of the proposed activity in the Asia-Pacific region to your academic program and (b) your academic abilities and cultural competencies that will ensure your success in the international activity.

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