

Dr. David Chueyen Lai Scholarship

OVERVIEW and APPLICATION 2026-2027

Description

Dr. David Chuenyan Lai was Professor Emeritus of Geography and an Adjunct Professor in Pacific and Asian studies at UVic. He was also an Adjunct Professor in the David Lam Centre for International Communication at Simon Fraser University. He was a well-known promoter of multiculturalism and was a member of British Columbia's Multicultural Advisory Committee for several years.

The Dr. David Chuenyan Lai Scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding graduate student doing research on aging, and meet the eligibility requirements below.

In 2026-2027, Dr. David Chueyen Lai Scholarship recipient will be awarded \$1150.00.

Eligibility

- a) Applicants must be full-time graduate students with a minimum GPA of 7.00.
- b) Applicants must be conducting research on aging.
- c) Both master's and doctoral students are eligible to apply.
- d) Students may be at any stage in their studies but must be returning to UVic for 2026-2027.
- e) Students may be studying in any faculty, department, school/division or program at UVic.
- f) Applicants must be formally affiliated with the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH) by the application deadline. Applicants may apply to become an IALH Student Affiliate within the application submission period. For more information, contact IALHResearch@uvic.ca.
- g) The applicant's thesis chair/supervisor must be formally affiliated with IALH. Thesis chairs/supervisors may apply to become an IALH Research Fellow (Faculty Affiliate) within the application submission period. For more information, contact IALHResearch@uvic.ca.

Funding

One scholarship valued at \$1,150.00

Conditions

The name, degree, year, and department of the successful applicant will be made public through IALH communication channels (e.g., newsletters, website, social media platforms, etc.). The successful applicant may be asked to present their proposed research project at one or more events hosted by IALH during the 2026-2027 and/or 2027-2028 academic years.

Selection of Recipient

Applications will be reviewed by a three- to five- member Adjudication Committee made up of IALH administrators and faculty research fellows who do not supervise any Lai award applicants. As part of the review process, the committee will consider the applicant's summary of their project as well as their research interests, previous work, and volunteer experiences related to aging.

Selection of the recipient will be made by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Graduate Awards Committee upon recommendation of the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health.

Application Process

Submitted applications to IALHResearch@uvic.ca must include:

- a) Your completed Lai award application form
- b) An up-to-date CV

Application Deadline:
4:00 PM
Friday, August 21, 2026

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Before completing this application, **please read the preceding David Lai award Overview.**

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Email your completed application package to: IALHResearch@uvic.ca

Your emailed application package must include:

- 1. This completed 3-page application form**
- 2. Your up-to-date CV**

Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Name:

V#:

Email:

Pronouns:
(optional)

Academic unit:

Degree: PhD
Master's

Current year
of study:

Anticipated year of graduation:

Supervisor's name:

(For this award, your supervisor must be an IALH Research Fellow)

Project title:

Research question:

In a maximum of **500 words**, please provide an overview of your project including:

1. What is currently known about the topic and any knowledge gaps;
2. The project's objectives;
3. Your (proposed) methodology; and
4. The anticipated impact of the project on older individuals.

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In a maximum of **200 words**, please describe your research interests, previous work, and volunteer experiences as they relate to aging.

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