



Institute on Aging
and Lifelong Health

Robert W. Ford Award

Overview and Application 2026-2027

Description

The Robert W. Ford Award supports graduate students conducting research and initiatives that have a focus on youth and society.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be full-time graduate students with a minimum GPA of 7.0
- Both master's and doctoral students are eligible to apply.
- Students may be at any stage in their studies but must be returning to UVic for 2026-2027.
- Applicants must be conducting research focusing on youth and society.
- Students may be studying in any faculty, department, school/division or program at UVic.
- 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

Funding

Up to two awards with a combined value of \$15,000.

Conditions

The name, degree, year, and department of the successful applicant(s) will be made public through IALH communication channels (e.g., newsletters, website, social media platforms, etc.). The successful applicant(s) 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(s)

Applications will be reviewed by a three- to five- member Adjudication Committee made up of IALH administrators and Research Fellows who do not supervise any Robert W. Ford Award applicants.

As part of the review process, the committee will consider the applicant's research project, as well as their research interests, previous work, and volunteer experiences related to youth.

Application Process

Submit completed applications to IALHResearch@uvic.ca by the September 30, 2026 deadline.

**Application Deadline:
4:00 PM (PST)
Wednesday, September 30, 2026**



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Before completing this application, **please read the preceding Robert W. Ford Award Overview.**

Application deadline is 4:00pm on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

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**
- 3. Your most recent transcript showing a minimum GPA of 7.0**

Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Name:

V#:

Email:

Pronouns:

(optional)

Academic
unit:

Degree: PhD
Master's

Current year
of study:

Previous IALH award recipient: Yes No If yes, year:

Supervisor's name:

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. Your project's objectives;
3. Your (proposed) methodology;
4. The anticipated impact of the project on youth and society.

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In a maximum of **200 words**, describe how you would use the funding and provide a brief budget.

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In a maximum of **200 words**, describe your research interests and any other relevant work or volunteer experiences as they relate to youth and society.

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