



**University  
of Victoria**

Institute on Aging  
& Lifelong Health

# UVic Retirees Association Award 2025/2026 **APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

V#: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree and year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have confirmed internal and/or external funding:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please indicate the agency and award value:

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your application for a 2025-2026 UVic Retirees Association Award should include:

☐ This 3-page application form

☐ An up-to-date CV

Before completing this application, please read the attached UVRA award overview.

Completed applications should be sent to: **Dylan Cutler**, Research Manager, [IALHresearch@uvic.ca](mailto:IALHresearch@uvic.ca).

**Application Deadline:**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Friday, August 29, 2025**

Title of Project:

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

- a) what is currently known about the topic and any knowledge gaps, particularly as they relate to individuals 55 years of age and older;
- b) the project's objectives;
- c) your (proposed) methodology; and
- d) the anticipated impact of the project on individuals 55 years of age and older.

In a maximum of **200 words**, please describe your research interests, previous work, and volunteer experiences as they relate to individuals 55 years of age and older.



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# UVic Retirees Association Award 2025/2026 OVERVIEW

## Description

The mandate of the University of Victoria Retirees Association (UVRA) is to further retirees' social, intellectual, and cultural wellness, and to create opportunities to extend their relationship with the University of Victoria. The UVRA and the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH) share several goals, including improving the wellness of the older population, and supporting research regarding the needs and experiences of older individuals. The UVic Retirees Association Award reflects these joint aims and is intended to provide encouragement to graduate students at a crucial stage in their careers.

The UVic Retirees Association Award will be awarded to up to two academically outstanding graduate students whose research focuses on individuals 55 years of age and older.

## Eligibility

- a) Applicants must be full-time graduate students with a minimum GPA of 7.00.
- b) Applicants must be conducting research focused on adults 55 years of age and older.
- c) Both master's and doctoral students are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to **PhD** students.
- d) Students may be at any stage in their studies but must be returning to UVic for 2025-2026.
- e) Students may be studying in any faculty, department, school/division or program at UVic.
- f) Applicants must be formally affiliated with 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](mailto:IALHresearch@uvic.ca).

## Funding

Up to two scholarships, with a combined value of \$2650.00 will be awarded.

## 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 2025-2026 and/or 2026-2027 academic years. The successful applicant(s) may also be asked to present their research at the UVRA's Annual General Meeting, usually held in June each year.

## 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 applicants for the UVRA award. As part of the review process, the committee will consider the applicant's summary of their project. Particular emphasis will be placed on the intent (objectives) and anticipated impact(s) of the research project. The applicant's research interests, previous work, and volunteer experiences as they relate to individuals 55 years of age and older will also be considered.

Preference will be given to a student who has not received any other awards or whose total award funding (at the time of review) does not exceed \$5,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

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 must include:

- a) The completed UVRA award application form
- b) An up-to-date CV

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