The Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) at the University of Victoria welcomes applications from graduate students for various one-year fellowship appointments commencing September 1, 2026.

**Topics:** In accord with the Centre’s mandate (see: [www.csrs.uvic.ca](https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/index.php)), research fellows should be working on projects that involve the scholarly study of religion in relation to any aspect of society and culture, both contemporary and historical. This includes, but is not limited to, critical examinations of religious themes in the areas of ethics, health, environment, public policy, gender, sexual identity, technology, human conflict, art, literature, the media, law, and social currents and debates within philosophy and/or the natural sciences. Religion does not need to be the central focus of a student’s research, but it should be a significant consideration. Applications from all disciplinary backgrounds are welcome.

**General eligibility**: The fellowships are meant primarily for graduate students (both MA and PhD) at the University of Victoria (but may also be awarded to students from other universities) whose projects fall within the Centre’s research mandate as described above. The awards are intended for students who have completed coursework and will be **at the writing stage of their graduate thesis or dissertation during the period of the fellowship**. We will also consider students enrolled in one-year MA programs if they are in the writing stage of their programs. Students who have received a previous CSRS award at the MA level may only reapply after they are registered in a PhD program. PhD students may hold a CSRS fellowship only once. Applicants may simultaneously apply for fellowships at other centres at the university; however, because this fellowship includes dedicated office space, students are only eligible to accept one of these awards. For that reason, successful students are required to notify the Centre if they are granted multiple awards before commencing a fellowship at the CSRS.

**Value**: $6,500 for a year (12 months). In addition, graduate student fellows will have access to office space at the CSRS, access to UVic’s libraries and special collections; a mailbox, scanner and photocopier services and opportunities to participate in all CSRS social and academic activities. The value will be prorated according to the length of the fellowship.

**Conditions**: Graduate student fellows are required to give a public lecture or seminar presentation on a theme in the area of their research, and to participate in the regular activities of the CSRS (e.g., daily informal meetings over coffee and tea, weekly public lectures of other Centre fellows) for the majority of their fellowship duration, taking advantage of the research space provided at the Centre. Fellows do not need to participate in all events but are expected to be actively involved in the thriving academic and social life of the Centre, largely utilizing the time and space provided. The Centre may reassess the award for fellows not meeting these conditions during their fellowship period.

**Application procedure:** Applications are accepted once a year via email and should include:

* + this completed Graduate Student Fellowship application form;
  + a current CV;
  + university transcripts (copies are acceptable);
  + two PDF letters of support for the project from both the applicant's supervisor and another professor, emailed directly to [csrs@uvic.ca](mailto:csrs@uvic.ca).

Please note that any research involving human subjects will require approval of the UVic Human Ethics Review Board. Applications will be reviewed by the CSRS Program Committee in December. All materials should be submitted via email to [csrs@uvic.ca](mailto:csrs@uvic.ca) and addressed to Dr. Rachel Brown, Director.

Please note: Candidates are responsible for ensuring their applications are complete and submitted by the competition application deadlines. Also, successful applicants from outside of Victoria will be responsible for additional costs and protocols, including visas, health insurance, travel, accommodations, etc., associated with the fellowship commitment.

**Deadline**: **Monday, November 10, 2025**

* *scroll down to fill out the application form -*

*The text boxes will expand as you type. Click directly on the tick boxes (“Click or tap here…”) to select. For the last section, please insert a JPEG image of your signature or send a scanned, signed copy of your application.*

## Applicant Information

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| Are you a UVic student? | YES | NO |
| If YES, what is your department/ faculty/? | **Click or tap here to enter text.** | |
| If YES, what is your V-Number? | **Click or tap here to enter text.** | |
| If NO, what is your institution's name and department? | **Click or tap here to enter text.** | |
| Are you a Master’s or a PhD candidate? | Masters | PhD |
| Will you be in the writing phase of your degree by the start of the fellowship, September 2026? | YES | NO |

## Project Description

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| 1. Please provide a descriptive title for your project (title-subtitle) (maximum 50 words): |  |
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| 1. Please provide a summary of your project written for an interdisciplinary audience (maximum 500 words): |
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| 1. Why do you think your project fits with the mandate of the CSRS (maximum 200 words): |
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| 4. Does your project require [Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) approval](https://www.uvic.ca/research-services/how-do-i/get-ethics-approval/how-to-apply-human-ethics-approval/index.php)? | YES | NO |
| If YES, have you received HREB approval from Uvic (or your institution if not UVic student)? | YES | NOT YET |
| And indicate here which institution if not Uvic [name: Click or tap here to enter text.] and the date that you expect to receive the approval. | **Click or tap to enter a date.** | |

## References

Please list two professional referees who will be sending a letter of reference to support your application:

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Please ask both of your references to send their letters **directly** to the CSRS before the deadline of **Monday, November 10, 2025**.

## Other Questions

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| How did you hear about this fellowship opportunity? | | |
|  | CSRS annual newsletter | |
|  | CSRS website | |
|  | CSRS X (formerly Twitter) | |
|  | CSRS Facebook | |
|  | CSRS emails (e.g. Upcoming Events or Upcoming Lectures) | |
|  | Digital signs around UVic campus | |
|  | Printed poster | |
|  | Word of mouth (friend, colleague, supervisor, admin staff) | |
|  | Other (please specify): | Click or tap here to enter text. |

## Application Checklist

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|  | Read and thoroughly understand the eligibility and conditions. |
|  | Contact both of your references to email their PDF letters to [csrs@uvic.ca](mailto:csrs@uvic.ca) before the deadline: Monday, Nov. 10, 2025. |
|  | Combine this application form, your CV, and transcripts into a single PDF document. (*Please refer to* [*this link*](https://www.adobe.com/ca/acrobat/online/merge-pdf.html?sdid=K7SLVKS6&mv=search&mv2=paidsearch&ef_id=CjwKCAjw-O6zBhASEiwAOHeGxXXIjw2mVO8RilBUr_A7dPKLgyOzJ_tR59rURQv-Rcz_CPf5B3SkUBoC-vEQAvD_BwE:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!3085!3!567980884554!e!!g!!pdf%20combiner%20free!15515102540!134749490390&cmpn=mobile-search&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw-O6zBhASEiwAOHeGxXXIjw2mVO8RilBUr_A7dPKLgyOzJ_tR59rURQv-Rcz_CPf5B3SkUBoC-vEQAvD_BwE) *if you need assistance with merging PDF documents. If unable, please email at csrs@uvic.ca)* |
|  | Save the PDF document with the following name *[Last Name, First Name\_2026-27 CSRS Graduate Fellowship]* |
|  | Email the PDF document to [csrs@uvic.ca](mailto:csrs@uvic.ca) before deadline: Monday, Nov. 20, 2025. |

## Disclaimer and Signature

By submitting this form, I certify that all information on this document is correct as of the date indicated at the top of the first page. Candidates are responsible for ensuring applications are complete and submitted on time.

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| Signature: |  | Date: | Click or tap to enter a date. |

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If you have questions, please contact [csrs@uvic.ca](mailto:csrs@uvic.ca), 250-721-6325, or visit [www.csrs.uvic.ca](http://www.csrs.uvic.ca) for more information.