

ROB AND TAMMY LIPSON RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

What is the Rob and Tammy Lipson Research Scholarship?

The Rob and Tammy Lipson Research Scholarship was established by Rob Lipson, Dean of the Faculty of Science (2010-2019) and his wife, Tammy Lipson. Through this scholarship they want to help more students gain international research experience.

Who is eligible for an award?

All Science students who have an international research experience opportunity are welcome to apply.

Note to 2021 applicants: *A requirement for international travel is waived and/or may be extended to March 2022. Research collaborations must still be international in scope (e.g. collaborator is outside of Canada) to qualify.*

Preference is given to academically outstanding undergraduate or graduate students who have demonstrated a commitment to knowledge translation through one of:

- a) A presentation at a departmental or research centre symposium or colloquium;
- b) Participation in a faculty/UVic presentation event, such as Honours Fest, Ideafest or JCURA; or
- c) A presentation at an external conference.

To be eligible for a Rob and Tammy Lipson Research Scholarship a student at the time of application must:

Undergraduate Students

- Be registered as a full-time student (12 units or higher) for a bachelor's degree in the Faculty of Science at the University of Victoria in the current Winter Session (September-April)
- Intend to continue in full-time undergraduate studies in the next Winter Session (September-April)
- Have a cumulative GPA of 6.0 or higher for all courses completed at the time of application

Graduate Students:

- Be registered as a full-time student (3.0 units or higher) for a master's degree or doctoral program

- Have a cumulative GPA of 7.0 or higher for all courses completed at the time of application

Value of awards

One or more scholarships valued between \$2,000 and \$4,000 are awarded annually.

How are students selected for the award?

Applications will be adjudicated by the Research Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Science. Students will be evaluated based on academic excellence (50%) and the strength of the collaborative research opportunity (50%). *Graduate students will be evaluated on the anticipated impact the opportunity will have on their research.*

Previous winners and new applicants will be assessed equally.

How and when do you apply?

To apply for this award, students must complete and submit the following documents to the Office of the Dean of Science by email to **scieoff@uvic.ca**. **Extended deadline: May 31st, 2021.** No handwritten applications will be accepted.

- 1) The Rob and Tammy Lipson Research Scholarship application form
- 2) Itemized list of travel and expenses related to presentation including documentation of other funding support (*optional for 2020 applications*)
- 3) Letter of support from UVic advisor and/or departmental Chair or Director
- 4) Letter of support from international research supervisors

The letters of support from the UVic and International research supervisors should outline the nature of their collaboration, provide a brief summary of the proposed research, and a statement about the level of financial support they are providing towards living and/or travel expenses. The intention of the award is that the UVic advisor will be engaged in the research; however, there may be circumstances where the advisor may be unable to provide financial support, or the department is providing the financial support. In these circumstances, a letter of support from the department Chair/Director will be accepted.

Students who held the award in the previous academic year must submit a new application to be considered for an additional award.

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Application

Part 1 - Student Applicant

(to be filled out by student – no handwritten applications will be accepted)

One or more scholarships valued between \$2,000 - \$4,000 are awarded annually to academically outstanding undergraduate or graduate students in the Faculty of Science:

- a) Who have an international research opportunity. The opportunity needs to be a research collaboration between UVic and an international academic, industry or government research entity;
- b) Who have been recommended by their Advisor and/or Department Chair; and
- c) Whose advisor/chair and international collaborator have both committed funding to the students' research opportunity.

Surname: _____ Given name: _____

Student #: V00 _____ Email: _____

Program (e.g. BSc Chemistry): _____

Name of UVic Research advisor: _____

International Research Experience Opportunity:

Name of Institution: _____

Location (city, country): _____

Name of International Research Advisor: _____

Do you intend to continue full-time studies in the next Winter Session? Yes No

If no, provide explanation:

Documents to attach to this application:

- 1) Itemized list of travel and expenses related to presentation including documentation of other funding support (*optional for 2021 applications*)
- 2) Letter of support from the UVic Research Advisor
- 3) Letter of support from the International Research Advisor

Description of the International Research Opportunity:

Signature

Date

Print name

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Part 2 – Administration
(to be filled out by Dean's Office)

Surname: _____

Given name: _____

Student #: V00 _____

Dept: _____

Year of study at time of application: _____

Student registered in _____ units in the 12 month period (May-Apr) before the adjudication of the scholarship

Student has earned _____ units of course credits toward BSc / MSc / PhD at UVic

Student has demonstrated a commitment to knowledge translation (preferred): Y / N

If yes, through:

Presentation at a departmental or research centre symposium or colloquium

Participation in a faculty/UVic presentation event

Presentation at an external conference

Student intends to continue full-time studies in the following Winter Session: Y / N

Cumulative GPA: _____