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Amelia Riehl, psychology



This has impacted my life and motivated me to keep up my high grades in hopes of getting into graduate school in the fall. Also, not having to worry about the financial aspect of university has been liberating. It allowed me to seek new opportunities, including working with children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

National Entrance Scholarship Renewal

Sophia Scarcella, economics



This scholarship has benefitted me beyond the worry of having to pay for my education- it has shown me the rewards of hard work and dedication, the support of my community, family, professors, and peers, and has given me the ability to explore my passions.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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D'Arcy Robert, psychology



I am so thankful to be a recipient of the Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology. This academic recognition and financial support have given me the freedom to pursue volunteering at Kid Physio as well as more time to focus on my studies.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Adele Mark, sociology



I feel lucky to receive this award for academic excellence, as it has given me the financial freedom to continue to succeed in my courses and secure future funding. My hope for the future is that all students may be able to access this financial support, irrespective of academic achievement.

Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship + Andrew Soles Memorial Scholarship

Camryn Riccitelli, geography



I am extremely grateful for receiving this scholarship as it has allowed me to further my studies at the University of Victoria and feel supported as I start my career as a geographer. Thank you to all scholarship donors for supporting aspiring professionals.

Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + Ryszard Borzuchowski Scholarship + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + Rhys Alexander Davis Scholarship in Environmental Studies + Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship

Shelbi Richard, economics



I am honoured to have been chosen as the recipient of various scholarships courtesy of gracious donors and UVic. Without the support I've received I would not have been able to spend as much time pursuing and discovering new passions. Thank you!

Leeder Family Memorial Scholarship in Economics

Sam Rae Harriss, geography



My scholarship has allowed me more time and financial freedom to pursue different activities and experiences that help me further develop my skills and education. Last spring I was fortunate enough to go on a study abroad exchange to the Netherlands, something I wouldn't have been able to do without my scholarship.

President's Scholarship + Columbia Coast Mission
Scholarship

Kemmerly Chipongian, psychology



I am deeply grateful to UVic for the recognition I've received for my academic achievement. My scholarship has allowed me to focus wholeheartedly on my studies, as well as my personal and professional development. Knowing that UVic supports and acknowledges my hard work motivates me to continue being a life-long learner.

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Riley Grewcock, biology/psychology



With the scholarship I received I was able to attend my 3rd year at UVIC without worrying about the cost of tuition. This relieved an enormous amount of stress for me.

UVic Transfer Scholarship + Faculty Association Entrance Scholarship

Lindsay Worden, geography



Thank you to the donors and families who make these scholarships possible! I have been able to apply my learning in many ways; field work, community engaged learning, extra curricular activities, volunteering in the community, and balancing my work and school life.

Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + Derrick & Gwen Mallard Scholarship in Environmental Protection

Luke Eilertsen, geography



Given that I am a full-time student and treat school as my full-time job, the scholarship financial support is greatly appreciated. However, while the scholarship is an appreciated financial contribution towards my education, it is most rewarding for me is knowing that my hard work and dedication is being recognized.

Melva J. Hanson Scholarship

Justin Bonnieux, psychology



I am immensely grateful for the scholarships I have received this year. In addition to acknowledging my efforts as a student, they have provided me with the financial freedom to become more involved in both research and community initiatives.

Dr. Douglas Earl Alcorn Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Morgan Begg, psychology



This award has supported me both financially and through motivation as I pursue my undergraduate degree. Through this recognition I work even harder achieve my academic goals.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Psychology

Antonella Feeny, psychology



I am incredibly grateful to be a recipient of these scholarships, which have allowed me to pursue my research interests without the worry of financial burden. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. Thank you!

Morag MacNeil Scholarship + Dr. Peter Montgomery Undergraduate Scholarship + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Madeline Burns, political science



This scholarship gave me the motivation to apply for Graduate Studies, and the finances to help me afford it. I am forever grateful to the Gibson's for their investment in my future, and to be a part of their son's legacy.

Dax Gibson Memorial Award in Gender Studies

Rachel Grohovac, psychology



These awards have allowed me to devote my time to research and my education. I am grateful for the opportunities these awards have presented and the ability to more easily move forward with further education after I graduate this year.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship

Skylar Buchfink, anthropology



I am fortunate to have received four scholarships which have greatly impacted my life as a student. With the financial aid I have been able to make ends meet and accept opportunities which have been pivotal to my career as an archaeologist. Thank you to all donors and to the university.

Dr. Wilma Elias Greek and Roman Studies Scholarship

Erin Lawrance, political science



I am so thankful to be recognized. Winning these awards has given me new confidence in my abilities and the time to get the most out of my education at UVic.

Dr. Edgar S. Efrat Book Prize + Richard J. Powers Memorial Scholarship

Sammy Ross, environmental studies



I am grateful for the scholarship I have been extremely fortunate to receive. It has enabled me to focus both on my academic and athletic endeavours at UVIC and this impact has been invaluable to me.

T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal

Aza Bryson-Bucci, political science



I am so honoured and appreciative to have received these scholarships, which have helped me significantly with educational costs. I am also very thankful for all of my professors that have shared their passion for political science and learning with me and for their mentorship throughout my degree.

James Wattie Memorial Essay Scholarship in International Relations + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Ben Downie, political science



This scholarship helped ease my mind of the stress of having to take extra work to afford the expenses of student living like housing. With the relief guaranteed by this generous imbursement I was able to better focus on that which most interested me, my studies.

Aaron Learmont Memorial Scholarship

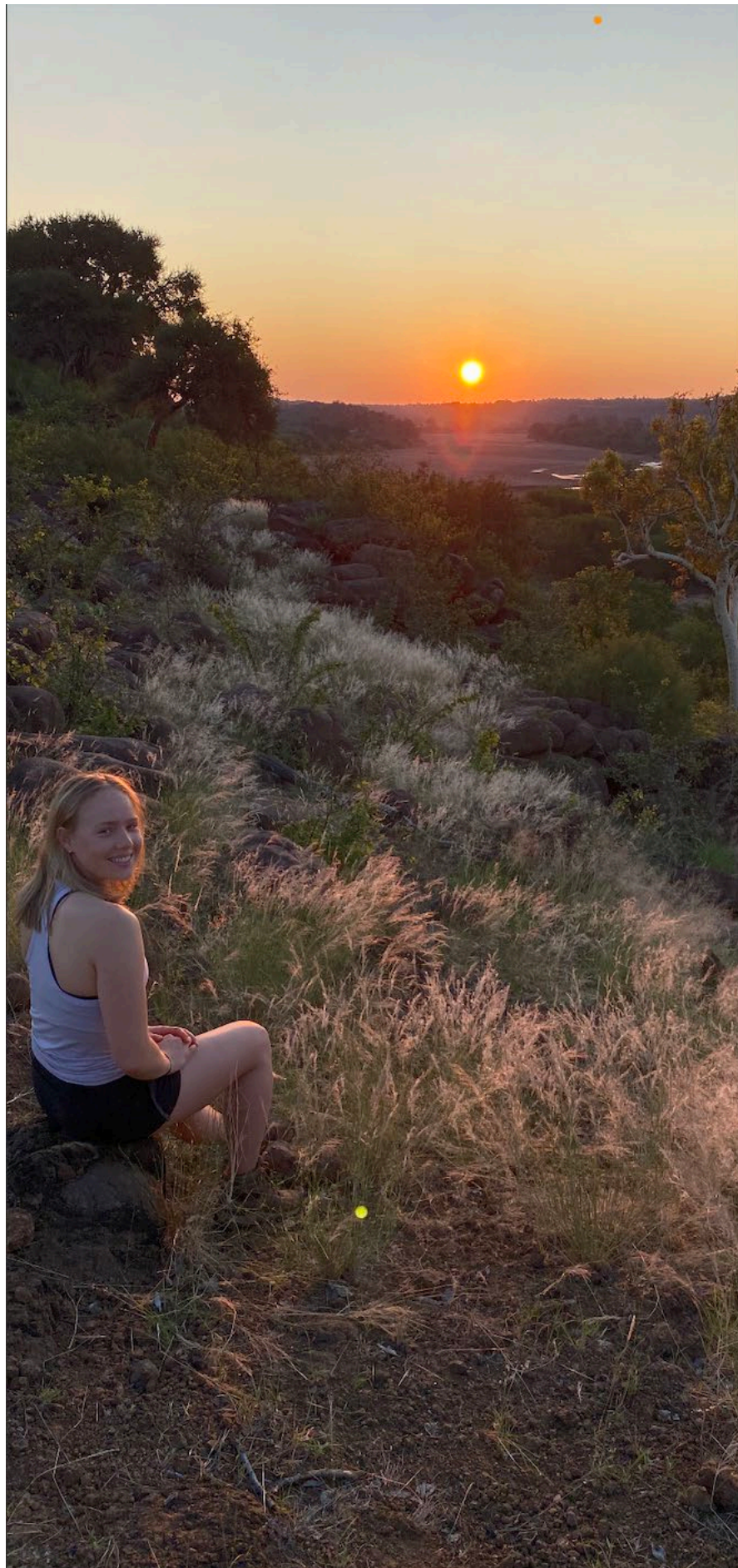
Talia Shortt, sociology



This past year I have been investigating the social and organizational dimensions behind aviation accidents, with specific regard to the dramatic final flight of Aloha Airlines Flight 243. Receiving a JCURA award for my research has been very encouraging, and I hope to pursue further studies in the Sociology of Disaster.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Ella Keeley, geography



The financial assistance has enabled me to consider applying for exchange next term to Utrecht University in the Netherlands. I believe that experiencing how environmental management and climate solutions are pursued abroad will greatly benefit me in my future studies here at home BC. Thank you so much for your great generosity!

Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography + President's Scholarship

Andrew Ambers, political science



I am thankful for receiving this scholarship as it has helped me address critical constitutionalism's and Canada's multi-juridical landscapes.

Walter D. Young Scholarship

Emily Lowan, political science/ environmental studies



The ever-looming threat of losing this scholarship was a consistent source of anxiety, and at times, flat-out resentment. Grumblings aside, this funding has been instrumental to my career and academic success — allowing me to compete as an Oxford Rhodes Scholar finalist and work for a leading climate advocacy organization after graduation.

My apologies to the Political Science faculty for the incessant grade-grubbing.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Guy Rosenfeld, political science



This scholarship has been gratifying in its recognition of my passion for the social sciences. In supporting my academic pursuits by way of contributing towards tuition fees, it has allowed me nurture this passion and feel recognized for my research pursuits.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Churchill Foundation V.I. Aleck Trawick Scholarship in Political Science

Maia Reynard, anthropology



This scholarship ensured that I could finish my degree this year, which has been a 6-year process. With this scholarship's assistance, I can maintain academic excellence and volunteer in community that limited resources would otherwise constrain. Thank you/ Kukstemc, (Secwepemctsin, the language of the land I grew up on)

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology

Harlan Hofmann-Miller, economics



Receiving this award has had a huge effect on my university experience. It gives me the freedom to focus on school and engage more deeply with the material, and encouraged me to continue to work hard.

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Freya Harrison, anthropology



I am thankful for the opportunity that these scholarships have given me. This has lowered the amount of student loans I have had to take, and I am able to not take a full time job during the school semester.

Barkley Sound Field School Student Award + Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology

Nathaniel Hope Tucker, economics



I am incredibly grateful for the scholarships that I have received at UVic. They have made the difference in allowing me to properly focus on my studies without worrying about my finances. They continue to motivate me to work hard and prioritize my academics at UVic.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Lucy Rohatynchuk, psychology



This financial assistance has allowed me to experience many volunteer opportunities and extracurricular's which would have otherwise been harder for me to access. Through these opportunities I have a better understanding of my passions and what I hope to achieve.

Walker Wood Foundation Scholarship in Social Sciences

Emma-Jane Burian, political science



I am grateful for all the opportunities this scholarship has provided to me. My decision to attend UVic was largely because of this scholarship. However, I could have never imagined the journey it would take me on. I have met incredible friends, and have gotten to learn from the very best professors and mentors.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Claire Stevens, geography



The scholarship I received helped me to realize my goals, to feel worthy of my presence in the academic environment, and has boosted my confidence to pursue opportunities I otherwise would have passed up

Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award

Sean Smith, economics



I am honoured to have received my scholarship at UVic. Being recognized for my work has encouraged me to do my absolute best and to be ambitious in my academic pursuits. With the financial benefits such awards give I feel confident in pursuing opportunities for a graduate degree.

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship

Laura Greene, geography



I am incredibly grateful to the Victoria chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women for providing this scholarship. The financial support from this award has allowed me to remain fully engaged in my studies. Receiving recognition for my hard work over the last two years is a source of pride and encouragement.

Catherine O. Cameron Memorial Scholarship

Rachel James, psychology



These scholarships have helped me to make the most out of my last year at UVic. The funding has supported a better school-life balance and the recognition is a great source of pride. Most importantly, I am motivated and more financially prepared to build on my education in psychology.

Melva J. Hanson Scholarship + President's Scholarship

Sebastian Yerex, geography



Receiving the Max Walker scholarship has given me the flexibility to take extra time off from my job this past term. This has allowed me to focus more time and energy on my mental and physical well being without having to compromise academically.

Max Walker Scholarship in Geography

Katelyn Forner, psychology



I am incredibly grateful for the scholarships I have received, as they have allowed me to continue my education with less financial stress and have given me further confidence as I continue on my academic journey. I sincerely thank UVic and the Faculty of Social Sciences for recognizing my academic achievements!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Macy Meldrum, psychology



My academic scholarship gave me the opportunity to study on one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada. With the generous support of the university, I had the freedom to fully commit to my studies and pursue my passion for developmental psychology. Thank you, UVic!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Marina Haden, psychology



This scholarship allowed me to appreciate and enjoy my final year at UVic by significantly alleviating financial pressure. It also made me feel like my hard work was being recognized during a difficult year, and I am so genuinely thankful to all those who made it possible.

Robert S. Evans Memorial Scholarship - General +
President's Scholarship

Jakub Biegala, political science



Finding out that I had received the scholarship was a very special moment for me. It felt like a meaningful and deliberate validation of all the hard work that I had put in throughout my educational career. I am very grateful for the opportunities which it has given to me!

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Emily Baird, anthropology



I am very grateful to have received the President's Scholarship and the Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology. As a full-time student who can only work part-time during the school year, finances are tight. Receiving these scholarships played a huge part in my ability to return to school this year.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology + President's Scholarship

Sparrow de Groot, anthropology



As a disabled student with chronic migraine, what a wonderful gift! It's difficult to balance health and academia. This scholarship has helped me obtain better migraine support to further pour love my into academic endeavours and community visions. It has truly been a life altering acknowledgment of my academic efforts.

Grand Post of Native Sons of B.C. - Bruce McKelvie Scholarship

Haley Reynoldson, environmental studies



As a full-time, working student living independently, this scholarship helped take the pressure off! Because my tuition was covered, I didn't have to dig into my savings and could instead put them towards rent and bills, allowing me to reduce my work hours and therefore spend more time focusing on my studies. Thank you!

Robyn Kathleen Addison Scholarship in Environmental Studies + Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + Jane Glavin St. Peter Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Gender Studies

Jordan Beck, psychology



My scholarship has enabled me to pursue courses and work experience that better me as a person and future psychologist. I have the financial freedom to take on the UVic classes that most interest me, across two semesters, instead of one, and a part-time job in community mental health. Thank you!

Crocus Scholarship in Psychology + President's Scholarship

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Ana Mara, political science



My scholarship made it possible for me to study at UVic. It has also allowed me to dedicate more time to the campus community through my role as Director of Student Affairs in the Undergraduates of Political Science, and as a Mentor in the UVic Global Community

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Hazam Nasir, geography



I've been fortunate enough to be a recipient of UVIC's Excellence Scholarship throughout my time at the university. This opportunity has greatly reduced the financial stress I've been under, which has allowed me to dedicate more time toward my education and passions.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Emily Kelly, psychology



This scholarship has allowed me to continue to follow my passion learning about human psychology throughout my psychology major. Once I complete my degree, I hope to go into social work to support those in need. I am so thankful to the Joyce Family for helping me work towards this goal.

Joyce Family Foundation Award for Indigenous Students +
President's Scholarship

Aimee Roberts, political science



I'm so grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has given me. It has allowed me to grow both academically and as an individual. It is a great privilege to be supported in studying what I am passionate about, and I'm excited to continue my learning in the future. Thank you.

John Locke Malkin Scholarship Renewal

Brittany Skov, psychology



I am immensely grateful for the support I received through these awards. This support has allowed me to better focus on my honors research, entitled “Using two-eyed seeing to investigate how helping relationships facilitate well-being for Indigenous peoples living with HIV/AIDS”, and apply for graduate programs in clinical psychology. Miigwech

Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship + Sellemah Scholarship + Joyce Underwood Indigenous Undergraduate Student Scholarship in Social Sciences + John Michael Brownutt Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Aafiya Bhayani, sociology



Without the Aga Khan Academy Renewable Scholarship, I would not be able to pursue my dream of studying in Canada and being exposed to its immense natural beauty. Being the first in my family to pursue post-secondary education, it is an honour to be able to study at the University of Victoria with excellent professors.

Aga Khan Academy Scholarship

Deborah Berman, political science



This scholarship has given me the opportunity to build a sense of security this past year. Overall, it has reinforced my passion for political science and has helped me build toward a future career in the field.

Hildegard Anna Hayward Scholarship + President's Scholarship

Chris Horne, anthropology



The 2022 UVic Archaeology Field School allowed me to develop hands-on skills in my field of study but required considerable investment. Receiving this award gave me the confidence and the security to focus on my scholastic and career development at this critical time in my degree.

Pett Travel Award in Archaeology

Rachel Mallinson, psychology



These awards were foundational to my success this year; they relieved financial burdens, enabled my research, and allowed me to dedicate full focus to my studies. I'm honoured to have received these awards and am truly grateful for their positive impact on my academic journey.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Mariana Montes de Oca Palau, anthropology



The scholarship has allowed me to explore the topic of Latin American migration and create a project that is based in art. Having the opportunity to work with direct supervision from my professor, Dr. Gauthier, gives me the chance to look at a project from a new lens.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Maya Krieger, anthropology



I'm deeply thankful for this scholarship as it helped me lighten my extracurricular workload these past two semesters. I was able to get a job with fewer hours at a research program here at UVic, which allowed me to focus better on my schoolwork, family, and friends this year.

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Scholarship +
President's Scholarship

Ceren Yilmaz, political science



This award has allowed me to broaden my research capabilities and understand how research is conducted in depth. The scholarship has also introduced me to a wider community of research-minded individuals and supervisors. I am grateful to be able to conduct research that would benefit the academic environment.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Nora Vincent-Braun, psychology



This scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and advocacy work. In my final year of my undergraduate degree, this is particularly impactful, as I plan on applying to grad school in the upcoming years. This scholarship has enabled me to focus on obtaining the grades needed to pursue my dreams!

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Psychology

Claire Frazer, political science



This scholarship has given me the opportunity to grow both academically and personally throughout my degree. In lessening the financial burden of university, this scholarship has allowed me to use my free time to connect more with the UVic community and the nature on our beautiful island. Thank you!

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Gabrielle Rumohr, political science



I am honoured and grateful to have received this scholarship. In addition to the financial award, the recognition offered by this scholarship has validated my academic efforts and commitment to my studies thus far. It provided me a sense of accomplishment and confidence in my academic work that I will carry forward throughout my degree.

Walter D. Young Prize

Kitana Sivananthan, psychology/biology



I feel incredibly blessed to have received financial support throughout my degree at Uvic. It has provided me with the financial security to pursue my passion and interests while receiving an education. For that, I am beyond grateful!

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Jesse Harold, economics



The scholarship made a significant impact on my life as a student by relieving some financial stress and allowed me to focus solely on my education and athletics. This scholarship also gave me more capacity to pursue my academic goals.

Bob Worth Award in Economics

Taryn Neligan, geography



I am grateful for the financial support awarded to me, and all of the people who make scholarships like these possible. This has supported me in becoming the first of my family to pursue post-secondary education, and given me the privilege of focusing on my learning without the added stress of covering tuition costs.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Jenna Inch, political science



I feel incredibly thankful to have received this award. I feel very blessed to have the support system that I do at UVic which allows me to learn, grow, and be curious without judgment.

Walter D. Young Book Prize

Thomas Jin, psychology



Receiving this scholarship has lightened my financial burden and allowed me to focus more on pursuing my academic goals. It is also a form of recognition and encouragement that greatly boosts my confidence. I am grateful for such trust and support and will do my best to live up to such expectations.

Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarship

Adam Regier, geography



The scholarship allowed me to prioritize my studies and helped me ensure that I was completing my schoolwork and honours project to the best of my ability.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Audrey Lefort, anthropology



This has impacted my life as a student because it enabled me to focus on my studies instead of stressing about getting a part-time job. It will also help me this summer since I plan to take some classes instead of working for four months.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology

Dominica Prasad, sociology



I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have been awarded. The scholarships have given me the opportunity to extend my degree and pursue an Honours in Sociology, as well as to work towards a Master's degree. I am truly looking forward to the future of my academic journey.

UVSS BIPOC Public Interest Research Award + Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + VNHS Dennis And Lyndis Davis Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Roy E. L. Watson Scholarship

Molly Taylor, political science



Thank you for supporting my educational journey as a financially independent student from Manitoba. Beyond funding, your support helps build my confidence and strength as a young woman. I am determined to make changes in this world following law school-- I hope to make you proud in years to come!

UVSS BIPOC Public Interest Research Award + Joyce Family Foundation Award for Indigenous Students + Visca/Dais-Visca Scholarship in Public Law/Legal Studies + ATOL,ANW: A Season of Just and Fair Treatment Award + Joyce Underwood Indigenous Undergraduate Student Scholarship in Social Sciences + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship + Tom Perry Award for Social Responsibility