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Beatrice McIntosh, anthropology



Receiving a scholarship has allowed me to access interdisciplinary learning opportunities, such as the I-Witness Holocaust Studies Field School, that honor my heritage, community, education, and career plans. Financial aid helps make culturally important experiences such as this possible, and I look forward to applying my learning academically and beyond.

Jess Wallace Munroe Scholarship

Sophia Scarcella, economics



This scholarship has not only alleviated a large financial burden but has also taught me the importance of dedication and hard work. With gratitude, I acknowledge the significant impact it has had on my future, providing opportunities to explore my passions and recognizing the invaluable backing of family, professors, and peers.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Michela Kroker, psychology



I am incredibly grateful and honoured to have received this scholarship. The financial support has allowed me to focus solely on my education and community service projects by relieving financial stress. In addition, the recognition provided by this scholarship has validated my academic work and dedication to my studies and work in the community.

Tom Perry Award for Social Responsibility

Ashley Bihis, sociology



Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to prioritize my studies and to devote more time volunteering with nonprofit organizations. I am forever inspired by Mr. Lai's legacy to continue educating myself and others, and to give back to my community for the local projects that matter most. Thank you to the donors for their investment in my future.

Wilson S.C. Lai Renewable Entrance Scholarship

Ellie Curry, psychology



Winning the President's scholarship has eased financial burden in my last year of studies. Importantly, it has also made me feel recognized and appreciated within my academic community which I am proud to be a part of at UVic.

President's Scholarship

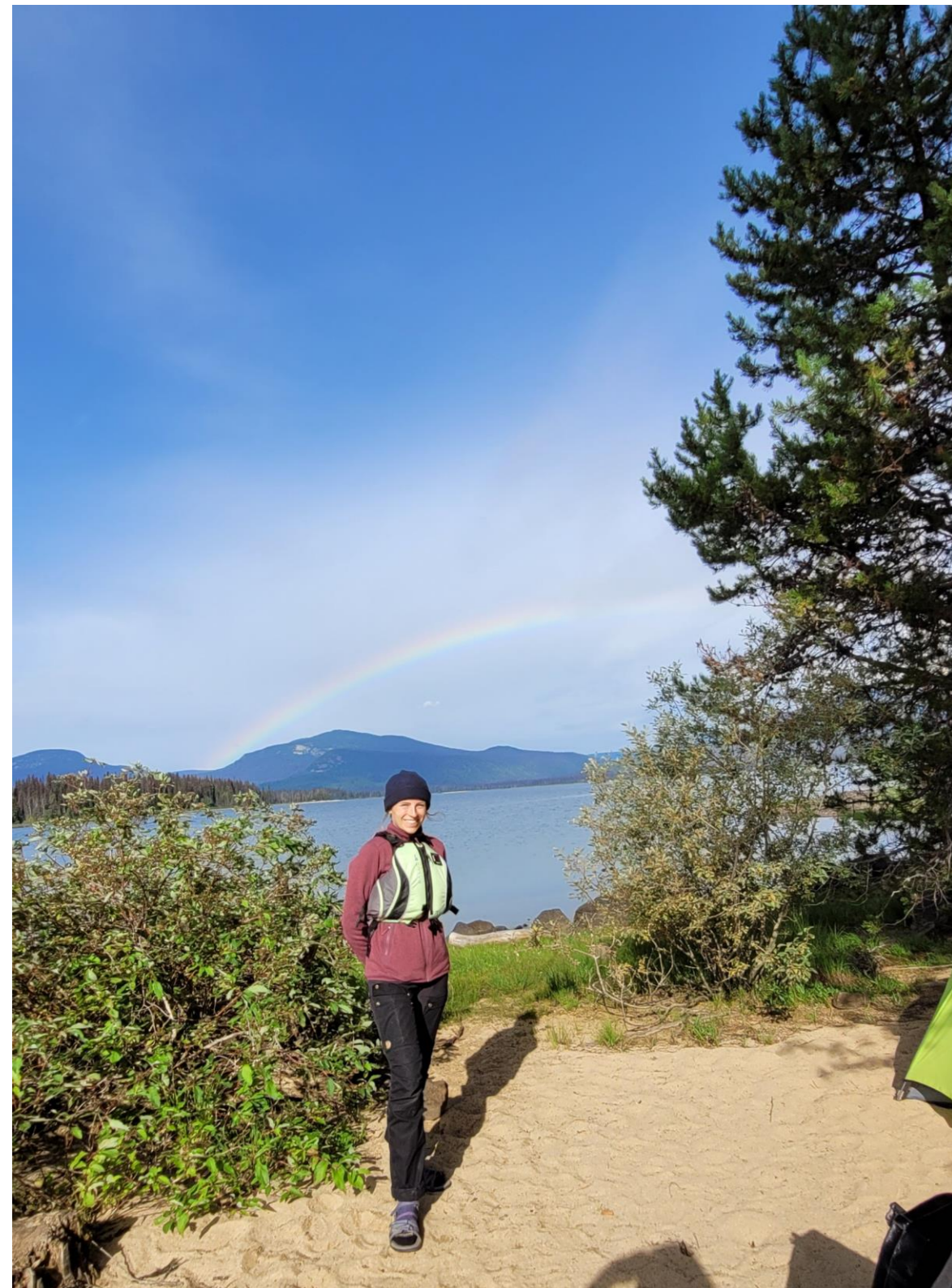
Harlan Hofmann-Miller, economics



I'm so grateful for the scholarships I've received at Uvic. They allowed me to put more of my energy towards school and make the most of the education offered here.

Harold G. Craven Scholarship & R.W. "Bob" McQueen
Economics Award & UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Sarah Jensen, geography



The awarded scholarships have allowed me to focus more intensely on my academic success as I have felt less financial pressure. They have allowed me to not work and truly dedicate myself to my studies. I am truly thankful.

Catherine O. Cameron Memorial Scholarship & Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Daniela Chow, sociology



The scholarship I have received has impacted my life by easing financial burdens and opening up educational opportunities that I didn't think were possible. The award validates my dedication to learning and empowers me to pursue my academic goals and futuristic career endeavors.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Nicholas Rabnett, political science



Thank you very much for offering me the Dr. Edgar S. Efrat Book Prize, it is a great honour to be considered. Thanks to the award I have had my textbooks covered, and I look forward to continuing my studies.

Dr. Edgar S. Efrat Book Prize

Emi Teramura, psychology



The generosity of the university and donors has allowed me to focus on my final semester of my undergraduate degree. Having these financial burdens alleviated has allowed me to fully commit to my studies and pursue my passion for psychology and mental health, and for that I am forever grateful. Thank you UVIC and donors!

L. and G. Butler Scholarship for Students with a Disability

Ana Mara, political science



My scholarship has made it possible for me to pursue my studies at UVic. It has also allowed me more time to make the most of my student experience by becoming involved in the campus community.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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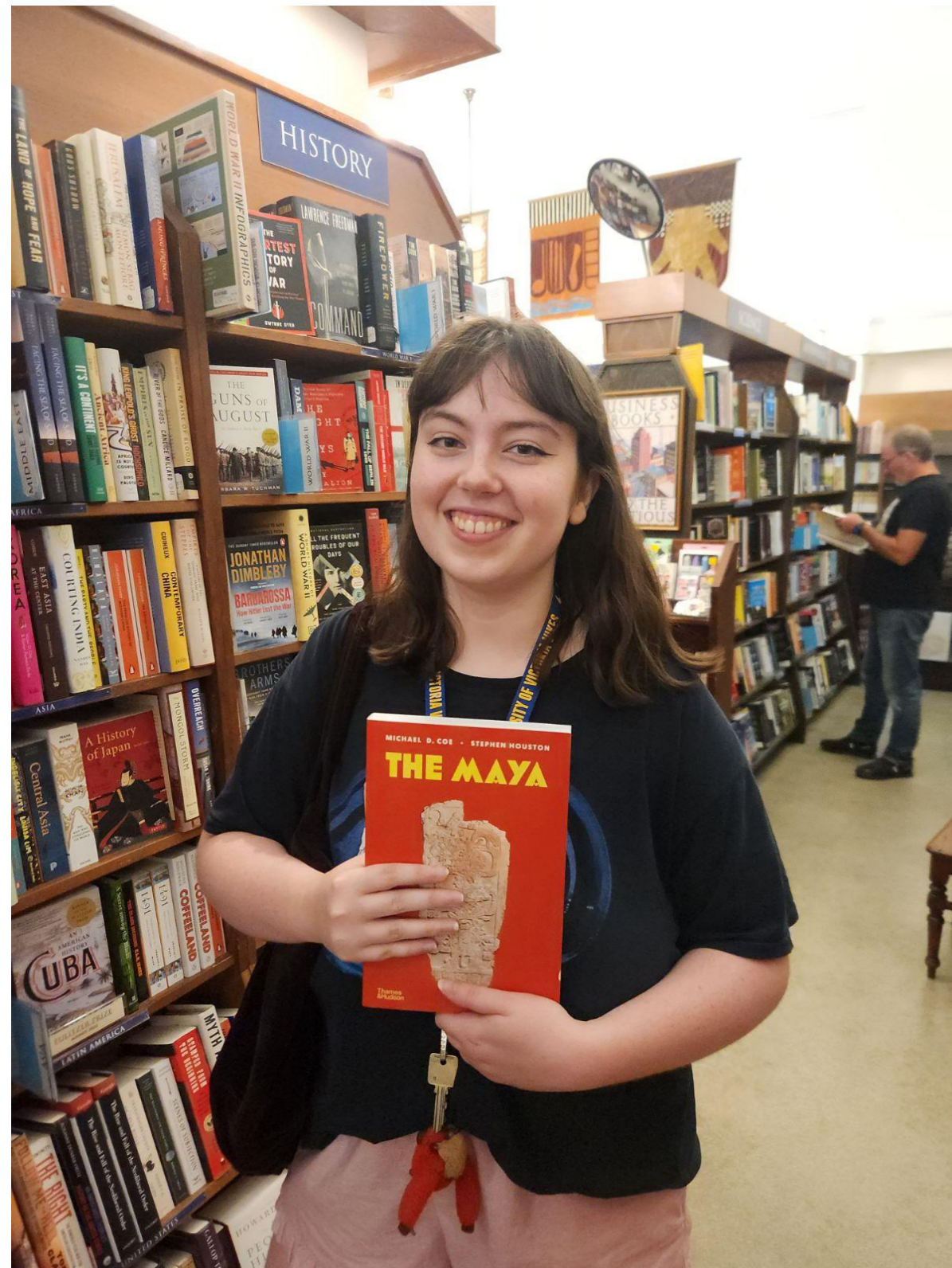
Sarah Mastromonaco, ES & geography



I feel incredibly grateful to receive this award as it has given me financial freedom to take part in transformative learning experiences such as a Permaculture field school on Cortes Island and community engaged learning. This scholarship has allowed me to confidently pursue and nourish my passions for sustainable food systems.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award

Maya Krieger, anthropology



I am deeply grateful to be awarded with the President's Scholarship, which has helped me create some much-needed work-life balance in my final year of undergrad. My past few years of scholarships have helped me stay motivated and develop confidence as a student. To feel acknowledged is a blessing. Thank you!

President's Scholarship

Alexis Minkley, psychology



This scholarship was not only beneficial to my financial wellbeing as a student, but also to my overall wellbeing as a student; it is wonderful to be recognized for the hard work I have put into my academic career over the past four years.

President's Scholarship

Laura Hoeflich, psychology



I am deeply grateful for the scholarship I received, as it alleviated the financial burden of tuition and allowed me to focus wholeheartedly on my studies. It encouraged me and provided me with confidence in my academic work.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

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Saiyah Aujla, political science



Thank you to the award donors and selection committees for allowing me to focus on my studies by easing the financial burden of being a full-time student. I am honoured to have my dedication to academic excellence recognized and so grateful for the continued opportunity to learn at UVic!

James Wattie Memorial Essay Scholarship in International Relations & Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award & Walter D. Young Scholarship & UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Jenna Inch, political science



Making education accessible for students in the form of scholarships and awards is a crucial step in allowing students to achieve academic success and truly thrive within a classroom setting. I am incredibly grateful to the University of Victoria and the political science department for supporting me on my educational journey.

J. Alan Baker Memorial Scholarship & UVic Undergraduate Scholarship & Lindgren Wade Award for Community Engagement & Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Grace Warren, psychology



I am so grateful to have received the General Undergraduate Scholarship and the President's Scholarship for the September 2023 - April 2024 school year. With plans to pursue a Masters and PhD in Clinical Psychology after graduating, these scholarships will go far in supporting me financially to reach my goals.

President's Scholarship & General Undergraduate Scholarship

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Ryana Emile, sociology



I am incredibly honored and grateful to have been awarded this scholarship. Financial burdens have always been something that weighs heavily on me. This is why, I would like to extend my most sincere thank you for lifting that weight off my chest, and allowing me to breathe easier.

President's Scholarship

Tristan Rendell, psychology



Receiving the David A. Zalinger Statistics Scholarship, Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship and President's Scholarship has significantly freed up my time by allowing me to work fewer hours and spend more time studying and volunteering as a research assistant. I feel incredibly grateful to receive this support, it has made a huge difference.

Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship & David A. Zalinger Statistics Scholarship & President's Scholarship

Oleg Saldyga, geography



Receiving a scholarship from the University of Victoria enabled me to complete my studies in geography without financial worries or concerns. The scholarship enabled me to focus on my studies and to graduate debt-free. I am very grateful to the scholarship donors and the University of Victoria for this assistance.

Emil and Lynette Hain Scholarship in Ukrainian Studies

Morgan Begg, psychology



I am so grateful to have received the President's Scholarship this year! This award has supported me immensely as I pursue the final year of my undergraduate degree. This recognition has motivated me to work even harder toward my academic goals and look toward my future education!

President's Scholarship

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Margot Bird, political science



Born and raised in Vancouver this scholarship granted me the opportunity to study at UVic and experience the beauty of Victoria. This scholarship has lifted a financial burden off my shoulders and provided me the freedom to direct my full attention to my studies and discover what I am truly passionate about! I am honoured to be accepting such a generous award, thank you family and friends!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Gabrielle Wade, geography



I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the financial assistance to support my passion for geography. Receiving recognition for my hard work throughout university is a great source of pride, and has encouraged me to continue to strive for excellence in my academic journey. Thank you for your generosity!

Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography

Francesca Cumberbirch, psychology



My scholarship is the reason I am able to attend university. I thought my only option was to delay getting a degree, but with this incredible opportunity I am motivated to work hard everyday and given the freedom to fully focus on studying, staying active, and excitedly planning for my future.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Meghan Toolsie, psychology



The past three years at UVic have been a period of immense personal and academic growth, and I owe much of it to the invaluable aid the Excellence scholarship has provided me. As I continue my academic journey, I will remain a hardworking, dedicated student who looks forward to continuing my passions in academia beyond my undergraduate degree.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Shay Frinton, psychology



I am so grateful to have received scholarships for my final year of studies. The support has helped ease my financial burden, allowing me to focus on academics and work towards a meaningful career.

Social Justice Award & University Challenge Scholarship & Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award & President's Scholarship

Harper Abbott, sociology



This scholarship has had a profound impact on my life as a first-generation university student. Thanks to the generosity of UVic, I have been able to focus on my studies and explore my passions without financial burden.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Ellis Martiskainen, anthropology



The UVic Excellence Scholarship has been really helpful. It lets me focus on learning, without stressing about work at the same time. Since I first came to UVic, I have discovered a passion for anthropology. I am happy to be a research assistant for one of the faculty here!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Hana Lalani, psychology



I am very grateful to have received this scholarship as it has significantly eased my financial burden, allowing me to focus on academics and really allow me to explore my passions and interests in the field of psychology.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Abhay Kadkol, psychology



As a first-generation international student studying in Canada, I am honored to have been awarded the Annual Giving Student Caller Scholarship. I feel empowered by the support that this scholarship has given me, helping me pursue my education and motivating me to continually improve on my journey.

Annual Giving Student Caller Scholarship

Kemmerly Chipongian, psychology



I am deeply grateful to UVic for the recognition I've received for my academic achievement. This support has allowed me to focus wholeheartedly on my honours thesis, exploring on-campus EDI initiatives and their potential for pro-diversity outcomes, offering implications for how universities can best facilitate inclusive and diverse environments for racial minority students. Knowing that UVic supports and acknowledges my hard work motivates me to continue being a life-long learner; and I look forward to continuing my education at the graduate level with the skills I've learned during my undergraduate degree.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Shannon Sherk, environmental studies



Receiving the Beyond Boundaries Scholarship allowed Shannon to explore field school opportunities and gain more hands-on experience over the course of their education.

Scholarship Beyond Boundaries

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Anna Raptis, psychology



I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that receiving this scholarship has given me, including the chance to study abroad at the University of Bergen in Norway. I would not have been able to have this amazing experience without the university's financial support. Thank you!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Skylar Bartel-Ens, anthropology



I am so grateful to have received awards that have given me the opportunity to get outside of the classroom, and participate in hands-on learning. The awards supported my participation in an archaeological field school at ƧEL, IŁĆ this past summer, which is an experience that I will never forget!

Social Justice Award & Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology & UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Morgan Flood, psychology



This scholarship has been a source of incredible gratitude. Not only has it lessened the burden of tuition; it has also motivated me to continue to work hard and to actively seek opportunities within the psychology program.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Anna Lawrance, psychology



I would like to thank the Psychology Department here at UVic for their continued support in my academic and research-focused pursuits. Receiving these awards has allowed me to focus my attention on my coursework and commitments to research in the Cognition and Brain Sciences program.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

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Sylvie Ihas, psychology



I am so grateful for this scholarship in recognition of my academic achievement. It has allowed me to focus on my academics at UVic and pursue my passion for psychology. Thank you!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Ben Thompson, political science



I am immensely grateful for the financial assistance extended by UVic and my scholarship donors over the last four years. This support has enabled me to delve into my academic interests and concentrate on my studies without the accompanying financial burdens.

Lieutenant-General S.F. Clark, CBE CD Scholarship & Richard J. Powers Memorial Scholarship & UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Christine Smith, psychology



The President's scholarship brings me shelter, food and peace of mind, clearing space for more to be learned on the land of the Lək'wəŋən (Songhees, Esquimalt) Peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands, and the Lək'wəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

President's Scholarship

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Jonathan Gillis, economics



This scholarship empowered me, a mature student with three children, to excel in coursework, prioritize family time, and engage in extracurricular activities. Freed from the need for part-time work, I volunteer both as a treasurer for the 2483 Army Cadet Corps and as a planner for the UVic Caving Club.

Wendy Diane Esdale Undergraduate Scholarship & Leeder Family Memorial Award in Economics

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Djuna Nagasaki, anthropology



Receiving a Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology and Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award (JUCRA) has lifted a weight off my shoulders, letting me dive into my studies and explore new opportunities without financial stress. It has boosted my confidence, motivating me to excel and grow both academically in ways I never imagined, and providing opportunities to pursue research close to my heart.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology & Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Sam Rae Harriss, geography



My scholarships at UVic have allowed me to pursue my education with less of a financial burden, which has allowed me to have new opportunities such as studying abroad, completing a field school, and conducting undergraduate research.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Alexandra Malton, psychology



I feel extremely grateful to the community at UVic for recognizing my academic achievements this past year. The university's generosity has allowed me to take more time to focus on my studies as well as gain valuable volunteer experience that has been instrumental in my academic and professional journey. Thank you!

President's Scholarship

Lindsey Andrew, political science



The Stork Award scholarship impacted my life as a student by enabling me to study in Germany for a summer semester. I was able to use this money both as a means to pay for the essentials of my trip as well as fun money.

German Club Scholastic Award

Jayde Brumpton, psychology



I feel very appreciative to be recognized for my hard work and academic achievements by the Faculty of Social Sciences. Not only are awards such as this rewarding, but they are also motivating to continue to excel in both my degree and all other facets of my life.

Government of Italy Book Prize

Megan Lawson, sociology



I am very grateful for the generosity of the scholarship donors and UVic for the financial aid I have received. These scholarships give me the opportunity to make the most out of my university experience and have opened up the possibility of education beyond the undergraduate level.

Roy E. L. Watson Scholarship & UVic Excellence Scholarship
Renewal

Aimee Roberts, political science



This scholarship has had such a meaningful impact on my life, and I'm grateful for the support it has provided. Looking to the future, I cannot wait to take forward the opportunities this scholarship has given me and continue to study what I am passionate about. Thank you so much.

Jane Glavin St. Peter Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Gender Studies & John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship Renewal

Taylor Nishimura, geography



I am incredibly grateful to have received these scholarships and awards. The funding has alleviated the financial stress of my final year of my degree, allowing me to pursue my passions and develop my skills as a researcher. I now feel more equipped to pursue my professional and academic goals.

Robert Lorne Stanfield Book Prize in Political Science & Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award & Ross Geography Scholarship & Political Science Alumni Scholarship

Bianca Thomas, psychology



I am incredibly grateful to have received these scholarships and awards. The funding has alleviated the financial stress of my final year of my degree, allowing me to pursue my passions and develop my skills as a researcher. I now feel more equipped to pursue my professional and academic goals.

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Co-op Scholarship

Leonie Solomons, political science



I am incredibly honoured to receive the Norman J Ruff scholarship. This recognition has not only affirmed my passion for British Columbia and Canadian Politics but also given me the financial support necessary to continue pursuing academic success during my final year.

Norman J. Ruff Scholarship

Lily Danis, psychology



My scholarship generously granted from the University of Victoria has enabled me to move from Winnipeg, Manitoba to pursue a BA in Psychology.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Payton Reed, geography



I am very grateful to be a recipient of academic excellence awards. They have given me the financial freedom to focus on my studies and explore volunteer opportunities in geography, such as ecological restoration. Thank you to UVic and to the award donors!

President's Scholarship & Alumni Association Undergraduate Scholarship

Cas Allen, sociology



JCURA has been an amazing addition to the learning I have been doing at UVic. I am honoured and grateful to be part of the research process.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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

Maya Wilson, political science



I am beyond grateful and honoured to be the recipient of this scholarship. As a full time student, balancing work and my academic pursuits has been a struggle, especially in tandem extra-curriculars. Having some financial aid is a big relief and has reduced some of the stress of trying to balance it all. Not only has this allowed me to enjoy my time at UVic more, but it is also very rewarding to see that my efforts are being recognized

James R. Bullick Memorial Scholarship

Cedar Malim, psychology



My scholarship has motivated me to perform to the best of my academic ability. I am very grateful that, thanks to this scholarship, I will graduate with no student loan debt. I am truly thankful to have received this scholarship for the past four years.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Skylar Buchfink, anthropology



I am honoured to have received the Classical Association of Vancouver Island Book Award. These funds allow me to continue pursuing archaeological fieldwork. Great thanks to the university and all donors.

Classical Association of Vancouver Island Book Prize

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Jen Preece, anthropology



Without this scholarship I could not have dedicated the time and effort needed to succeed in my studies. In an expensive city like Victoria, being able to dedicate my savings toward having a stable living arrangement has greatly impacted my studies and without such I could not excel.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Sam Shipley, economics



The scholarships I have received from UVic and the generous other donors have enabled me to focus on my studies and be accepted into the Honours program. In addition, I have developed a diverse set of skills that have made me an asset as a research assistant for several ongoing research projects in the economics department.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award & John and Myrtle Tilley Undergraduate Scholarship

Megan Ryan-Lloyd, political science



My scholarship provided me with the freedom to explore my passions and interests while also allowing me to focus on my studies. Additionally, it gave me a sense of pride and accomplishment for the hard work I put into my honours research.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Teira Howden-Gareau, psychology



Being the recipient of this scholarship has provided me with financial stability as I finish my degree and complete an Honours thesis. In turn, I have been able to focus on my research and pursue additional opportunities that will strengthen my applications to graduate programs. I am immensely grateful for the academic recognition and financial support Uvic has offered me throughout my degree!

President's Scholarship

Steve Anderson, psychology



I am honoured to be included in this Rising Stars list! Winning this scholarship was an amazing achievement for me – it has allowed me to take full advantage of my last year at UVic and to engage completely with my studies. I am more than ready to finish off my degree in a strong way, so thank you!

President's Scholarship

Olivia Leyden, psychology



I would like to express my immense gratitude for the scholarships that I have been awarded this academic year. I have been able to feel more present in my studies with the financial ease that these scholarships have granted me.

Langford-Seaborne Award for Indigenous Students in Social Sciences

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Allison Joyce, psychology



The JCURA scholarship that I received this year has helped fund my research project looking at cultural connectedness and mental health in urban Indigenous youth. I'm very grateful for the amazing opportunity to engage in research that I'm passionate about!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Mackenzie Loyer, political science



Winning the James R. Bullick Memorial Scholarship has had a significant impact on my academic journey. Beyond its financial support, it has served as a beacon of recognition for my dedication and hard work. This honor has also bolstered my commitment to uplift Indigenous communities, propelling me towards meaningful contributions and empowerment.

James R. Bullick Memorial Scholarship

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Bethany Shymko, political science



I am beyond grateful for the scholarship I received. It has allowed me to retain my job, which I love, instead of being forced to find one that can offer more hours or a higher salary. Most importantly, this scholarship has allowed me to save money for my future academic endeavors so one day my mom and I can get our PHD's together. Thank you!

Aaron Learmont Memorial Scholarship

Emily McCulloch, psychology



I am so grateful to have received the excellence scholarship. It has really helped to make me feel appreciated for my dedication to my studies. Also, as an international student, it has helped ease my financial burden.

President's Scholarship

Adele Olender Mark, sociology



Receiving scholarship funding this year made it possible for me to travel to Paris last semester for a semester abroad. The funding gave me the freedom to fully immerse myself and reap the benefits of such a once and a life time experience.

Cecilia Benoit Sociology Honours Essay Award & President's Scholarship & Andrew Soles Memorial Scholarship

Yaël Stevens, psychology



The UVic Excellence Renewable Scholarship has allowed me to dedicate my time and focus to my studies in psychology, without the financial stress of affording tuition. I am able to concentrate on university and building my future because of this scholarship, and for that, I am so grateful.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Rajan Humble, psychology



The UVic Renewable Excellence Scholarship has given me the privilege of thoroughly focusing on my education and furthering my passion for psychology. I am so appreciative of the opportunities this scholarship has awarded me and the dedicated professors I have been able to learn from within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Will Hatch, economics



UVic's Excellence Scholarship has generously allowed me to look to the future without worry and burden, it has allowed me to hold my dreams in my hand and believe they are possible. I am infinitely grateful for my friends, family, and professors who have gotten me where I am today.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Aidan M. Scarcella, economics



The UVic Entrance Scholarship has allowed me to be less concerned about my finances, and be able to take the courses that interest me and further my education.

UVic Entrance Scholarship

Jesse Harold, economics



I am deeply honoured and grateful for being awarded these scholarships. The financial support has profoundly impacted my life by relieving financial stress and has inspired me to continue my academic pursuits.

Bob Worth Award in Economics & Harold G. Craven Scholarship

Tessa Brown Jones, geography



Because of this scholarship, I was able to have the best year of my life studying abroad in the Netherlands. I'm endlessly grateful for the financial support that's allowed me to focus on my learning, making friends, and enjoying all the growth and adventure of undergrad life.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Emma-Jane Burian, political science



I am immensely 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.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award & UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal