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Logan Hudson, anthropology



I was honoured to receive JCURA. It's impacted my life in many ways. Being able to share with the world my own research and to be able to practice my field of archaeology is amazing. A big thank you to everyone who has helped me make it this far!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Mei Li Phillips, sociology



This award means more than just financial relief, as it has proven my choice to pursue a double Major was the right one. It was a difficult choice to extend my time at UVic to accomplish this, and receiving this award is a reminder of why I chose to pursue post-secondary education.

Hector & Carol McDonald Scholarship in Greek and Roman Studies

Lane O'Hara Cooke, political science



Receiving the University of Victoria Renewable Excellence Scholarship, along with other scholarships and bursaries, has been incredibly rewarding, offering both recognition of my academic achievements and valuable financial support that allows me to continue my studies and engage fully with my education. Many thanks to UVic and the participating donors for their generosity and support.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Lilli Thomas-Brown, psychology



For someone like me, scholarship money is the difference between attending university or not. The scholarship money the University of Victoria has offered me throughout my five years here has immensely helped my education and made it possible to attend university full-time. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities given to me here at UVic.

President's Scholarship

Gabrielle Warrior, sociology



Receiving the Black Student Leadership Award assisted with the cost of pursuing my first degree in sociology. There is also something deeply encouraging and empowering about receiving an award that recognizes the duality of how I strive to show up within this academic space--as both a scholar and a Black liberation activist. Thank you.

Black Student Leadership Award

Xinying Song, psychology



Being a recipient of this scholarship has not only motivated me to approach my coursework with greater dedication but has also inspired me to share the knowledge I have gained with my community. Energized by this support, I hope to continue devoting myself to research and to supporting more people in need.

Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarship

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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 show greater commitment and engagement in this final year of studies with the financial ease that these scholarships have granted me.

TANSI Award + Sellemah Scholarship

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Christine Lee, psychology



The President's Scholarship alleviated financial pressures, enabling me to focus on volunteering, academic development, and personal growth. It strengthened my foundation in the field, leading me to pursue post-graduate study. I am truly grateful for the encouragement and recognition it provided.

President's Scholarship

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Jaxon Kuchar, geography



Receiving these scholarships has enabled me to continue pursuing my academic goals at the University of Victoria while also keeping my running dream alive. I am grateful for your support throughout this year, and it is an honour to be considered as a Rising Star!

Charles Howatson Scholarship + Ross Geography Scholarship

Al Tantalidou, environmental studies



Receiving the Georgia Klap Award has been a great honor that's allowed me to continue studying here in Canada and pursue my passion of environmental journalism. I hope that my future work in the field can form one small piece of Georgia's legacy and help further the social justice she championed.

Georgia Klap Award

Kaya Dupuis, political science



As a first-generation university student, receiving my scholarship has opened up numerous doors for me to access opportunities I might not have had otherwise. I am grateful that I got the chance to showcase my research and develop my academic capabilities through the support of this award.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Leeza Shewchenko, geography



This scholarship lightened the financial pressure we all face as students, allowing me to focus on my studies and research. It gave me the freedom to pursue projects within environment, sustainability, and stewardship, where I have been helping in Indigenous language revitalization. I am honored to have been selected and grateful to the donors"

Dianne Draper Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship
Scholarship

Svenja Baigent, geography



Receiving this scholarship has greatly impacted me as a student. Notably, the financial support it provides helps me focus on school to further my education and follow my passions, while alleviating some of the financial pressures associated with post-secondary education. Thank you kindly for the support!

Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography + President's Scholarship

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Parker Little, economics/environmental studies



In receiving these scholarships, I have created a library of meaningful moments in my academic journey. I am sincerely grateful to the donors, faculty, and committees whose generosity and support make opportunities like this possible.

Marc Bell Scholarship in Environmental Studies + Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + Harold G. Craven Scholarship

Beatrice Mowat, geography



Being a recipient of academic scholarships has removed financial barriers to allow me to focus on my studies in geography and pursue my passions throughout my time here at UVic. As I move towards graduation and look at all I have accomplished, very little of it would have been possible without the support from donors and their scholarships.

Vicky Husband Scholarship

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Brennan Balkovec, political science



I'm extremely grateful for the scholarships I've received! They've allowed me to focus on political science, develop my research skills, and worry less about finances. Furthermore, UVic's support placed me in an academic environment that encourages curiosity, helping me work toward graduate school and a career in research and academia.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Renee Pan, anthropology



I was immensely grateful for the scholarship, and it had created an impact in the support of pursuing an Anthropology degree. I am beyond excited to graduate this year and create a meaningful impact in the field of Cultural Anthropology and Marketing.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology

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Ava Lamerton, psychology



I am so grateful for my scholarship that allows me to pursue my studies in psychology at UVic. Through my program I have been able to engage meaningfully in a range of coursework and research that will prepare me for my future graduate studies and career in psychology.

Robert and Ellen Pearce Scholarship Renewal

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Annika Little, psychology



I am extremely grateful for my undergraduate scholarship from UVic. It not only recognizes my academic success, but also the hard work and dedication that achieved it. These scholarships have made it easier to devote time to my studies and I look forward to graduating this year! Thank you for your generosity.

Doreen Moser Scholarship + Jeremy Robert Davison Scholarship + Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship + John and Myrtle Tilley Undergraduate Scholarship

Keeley Dalton, sociology



Receiving a Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award is an honour. I have met and learned alongside fellow students conducting their own unique and valuable research, and I look forward to presenting my own. JCURA afforded me many new opportunities and I am exceedingly grateful.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Emma Attwell, political science



This scholarship has allowed me to shift my focus towards leadership opportunities in my academic community so that I can contribute to meaningful change at UVic. Thank you!

Walker Wood Foundation Scholarship in Social Sciences +
Churchill Foundation V.I. Aleck Trawick Scholarship in Political
Science

Katherine Taylor-Hood, psychology



This scholarship granted me the opportunity to move from one coast to another, a learning experience that goes beyond the lecture hall. I'm grateful to have been alleviated of enough financial burden to prioritize my studies and focus on building relationships within the community at UVic.

Scholarship Beyond Boundaries + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship

Markus Stelter, economics



I am incredibly grateful to have received these awards. The financial support has eased the pressure of tuition, allowing me to focus more fully on my studies in economics while continuing to pursue athletics. Being recognized in this way has meant a great deal to me and has made balancing school and sport much more manageable. I truly appreciate the generosity of the donors and the continued support from the UVic community.

Frank and Margaret Gibbs Scholarship + President's Scholarship

Isla Turgeon, psychology



I am deeply grateful to have received the President's scholarship from UVIC. This funding has been instrumental for alleviating financial stress, allowed me to go on an international exchange, and strengthened my confidence for my future studies. I can now expand my education in ways that wouldn't have been possible without this award.

UVic President's Scholarship

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Coco Cunningham, political science



This scholarship and award have given me the chance to pursue my research further without worrying about the financial burden of tuition. Additionally, I have received numerous academic opportunities due to receiving this scholarship, which has allowed me to achieve my goals and challenge myself.

James Wattie Memorial Essay Scholarship in International Relations

Quinn Evans, anthropology



Receiving the Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology is a tremendous honour. In light of the challenging world politics and high living costs, this scholarship not only reaffirms the enduring power of kindness but also offers much-needed relief as I conclude my final year at the University of Victoria. I aspire to carry this kindness forward through my work and everyday actions.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology

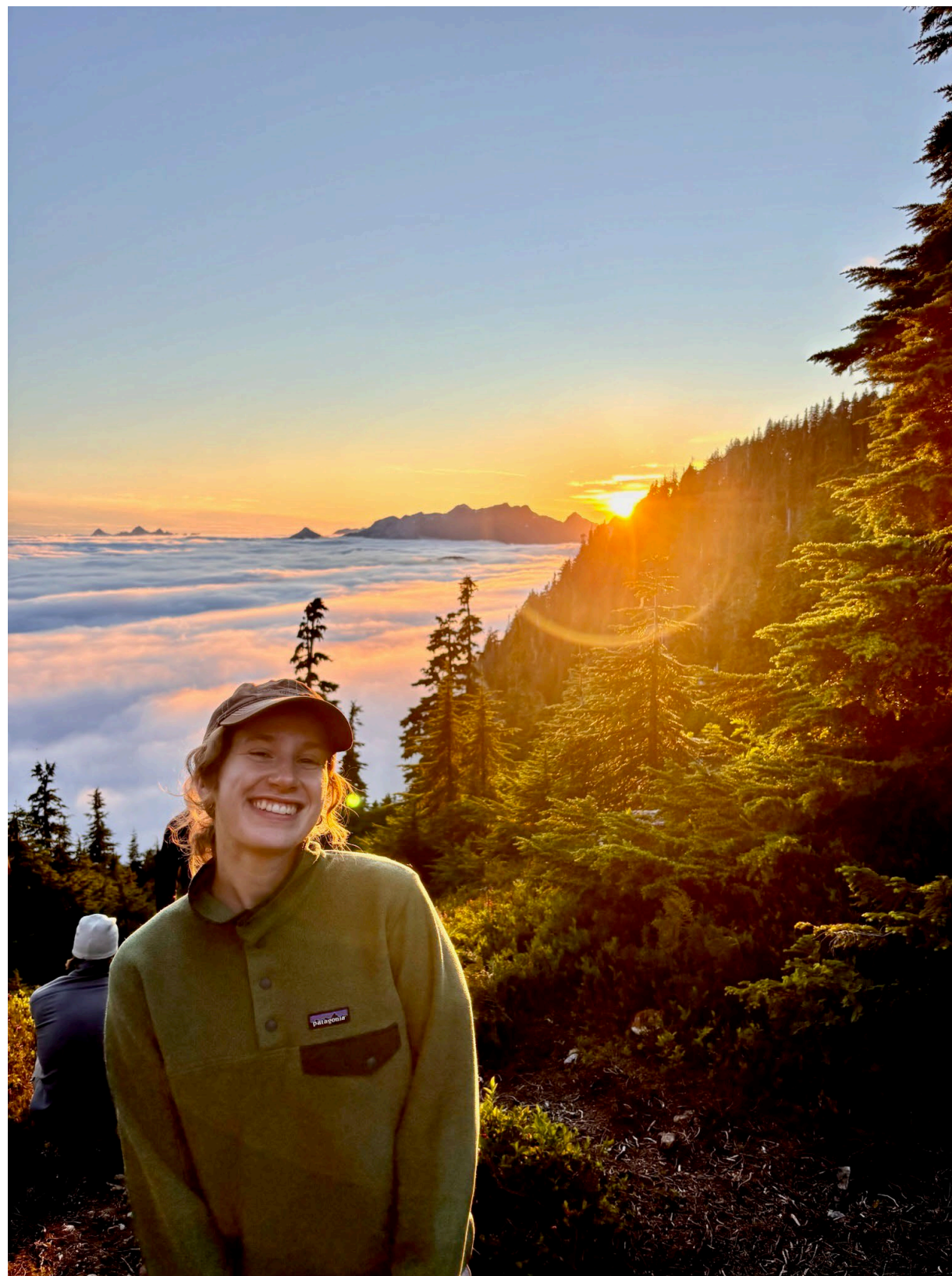
Tristan Rendell, psychology



I am in my fifth year of a BSc(hons) in psychology with a minor in statistics. Currently, I am helping run the Social Camouflaging study and my thesis is examining why people use psilocybin. Long term, I plan to continue my research and strive to advance psychedelic science.

David Harris Flaherty Scholarship

Lily Collins, anthropology



Receiving the JCURA award has allowed me to focus on my Honours research, while also giving me the opportunity to take part in an archaeological project in Jordan this summer. I'm grateful for all the support from my supervisor and the Department of Anthropology for helping with this achievement.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Emily Wiley, geography



I am incredibly grateful to receive the Ross Geography Scholarship in my final year of study. Not only as a means of financial support but also as a recognition that validates my academic interests and strengthens my commitment to studying geography. This scholarship specifically allowed me to participate in the Agroecology field school, which was an amazing experience.

Ross Geography Scholarship

Meredith Allen, economics



I am so grateful for the scholarships I have received as an economics student at UVic. By relieving financial pressures, I am able to focus on my coursework and get much more out of my classes in both economics and environmental studies.

Doreen Moser Scholarship + Maclean Annual Award in Economics + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + John Locke Malkin Scholarship Renewal + Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship

Shaniya Fraser, political science



Receiving these scholarships has been transformative for my academic journey. This generous support has allowed me to focus fully on my studies and pursue research I deeply care about while continuing to grow as a scholar. I am tremendously grateful to everyone who has made this possible.

Edward Mothersill Scholarship in Philosophy + Jamie Cassels
Undergraduate Research Award

Laurnyn O'Toole, economics



I feel extremely grateful to have received these scholarships and awards. The funding has alleviated financial stress, allowing me to focus on my academics at UVic while pursuing my hobbies and interests. The financial support is an invaluable investment in my future, providing me the opportunity to achieve my goals.

Bob Worth Award in Economics + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Harold G. Craven Scholarship + Dr. Gordon Bertram Memorial Scholarship

Charlotte Bellows, psychology



Receiving the President's Scholarship and the Dr. Anne Pomeroy Autor Award in Interdisciplinary Studies has given me the opportunity to focus on my studies and contribute to the field of psychology. My current research is focused on public health, substance use and dependency.

Dr. Anne Pomeroy Autor Award in Interdisciplinary Studies +
President's Scholarship

Devon Oneschuk, political science



Receiving the Walter D. Young scholarship has greatly eased the financial pressures of my studies, supporting me to fully engage in my political science education and motivating me to take on new academic challenges. As a transfer student, it has also helped me feel more integrated into the campus community, allowing me to become more involved with the student organizations beyond the classroom.

Walter D. Young Scholarship

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Ciarra Grant, sociology



I am incredibly grateful to receive the JCURA scholarship for my honours thesis. This award has inspired me to continue the pursuit of academic research by strengthening my confidence and encouraging my curiosity—elements that empower me as a first-generation student. Thank you to UVic for your support and generosity!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Mirai Molina, political science



Scholarships have enabled me to pursue my education and various opportunities in academia. I am immensely grateful to have been relieved of financial stress, which has allowed me to immerse myself in my studies. The education and support I have received have motivated me to pursue post-graduate studies and a future in academia and research.

Wilson S.C. Lai Scholarship

Gabby Elhav, political science



Receiving the Lindgren Wade Award for Community Engagement has affirmed my belief that community support is life-changing. This award has provided me with stability to sustain and grow my community efforts. To be recognized for my achievements is an honour, and it motivates me to continue to give back."

Lindgren Wade Award for Community Engagement

Andrea Kenney, psychology



Receiving the Dr. Douglas Earl Alcorn Scholarship during my fifth year as an undergraduate psychology student eased my financial stress and allowed me to focus fully on my studies and research. Receiving this award reinforced my decision to pursue a career in academia, strengthened my confidence, and empowered me to pursue graduate studies in health services research.

Dr. Douglas Earl Alcorn Scholarship

Nika Marefat, psychology



I'm deeply grateful for the support of the university and faculty! The scholarships I've received have validated my efforts, allowed me to focus on my studies and research without the burden of financial worries, and to save up for my future studies.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

Brooke Desmet, psychology



I would like to express my sincere appreciation for this generous award. This support greatly assists me in achieving my educational goals, and I remain committed to my studies in psychology as I move forward.

Morag MacNeil Scholarship + President's Scholarship

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Finola Reed, anthropology



This scholarship has allowed me to pursue research in biological anthropology by reducing financial barriers and giving me the time and resources to focus on my academic and research goals.

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

Cheawon Kim, economics



The Harold G. Craven Scholarship reduced the financial pressure on me and allowed me to fully commit to my studies in economics. This recognition motivated me to pursue graduate studies and an academic career with dedication and purpose.

Harold G. Craven Scholarship

Evelynn O'Hara, anthropology



I am incredibly thankful to have received a scholarship and research award. I'm honoured that my academic success was acknowledged and I'm grateful for the opportunities these grants allowed me to have, such as being able to focus more on my studies and research without the financial stress.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Hazel T. Knox Memorial Scholarship

Amelia Roth, psychology



I am incredibly grateful and honoured to have received the President's Scholarship. This award has provided me with greater freedom in my studies by easing financial pressures, allowing me to focus more fully on my academic and volunteer commitments. I truly appreciate this recognition of my hard work, and it motivates me to continue striving toward my academic goals.

President's Scholarship

Kia Prezeau, psychology



I am beyond grateful to have received a renewable entrance scholarship as it has generously supported my studies in psychology and mathematics at UVic. This scholarship also allows me to save for future education in teaching, as I hope to aid others in also pursuing knowledge and following their passions.

T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal

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Chris Holmes, geography



I am incredibly grateful for this recognition. Receiving these scholarships has allowed me to fully focus on my research and academic growth. Thank you to UVic and the donors who made this possible, and to the geography department for their continued support.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Ross Geography Scholarship

Grace Muir, political science



I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have received, as they have allowed me to dedicate more time and focus to my coursework, as well as to a variety of community and extracurricular activities.

CIC Victoria Scholarship + Lieutenant-General S.F. Clark, CBE
CD Scholarship

Emma Baycroft, geography



I am incredibly thankful to receive the Pooni Family Award in Geography. I deeply appreciate this award not only for the academic recognition, but also for the financial support it has provided during the final year of my studies. I am sincerely grateful to the donors who make this award possible.

Pooni Family Award

Anthony Sundby, geography



I am very grateful to have received the JCURA this year. Because of it, I have been able to work less, commit more time and effort towards my classes and project, and achieve an overall more balanced life with extracurriculars.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Natasha Heywood, political science



The scholarships I received have aided me in my final year of university to focus on my studies and to write my undergraduate thesis. They have also been a great boost in confidence, that has supported the work I have put into this degree at UVIC. Thank you!

Association of Former MLAs of BC Student Scholarship + Dr. Edgar S. Efrat Book Prize

Leah Brandemark, psychology

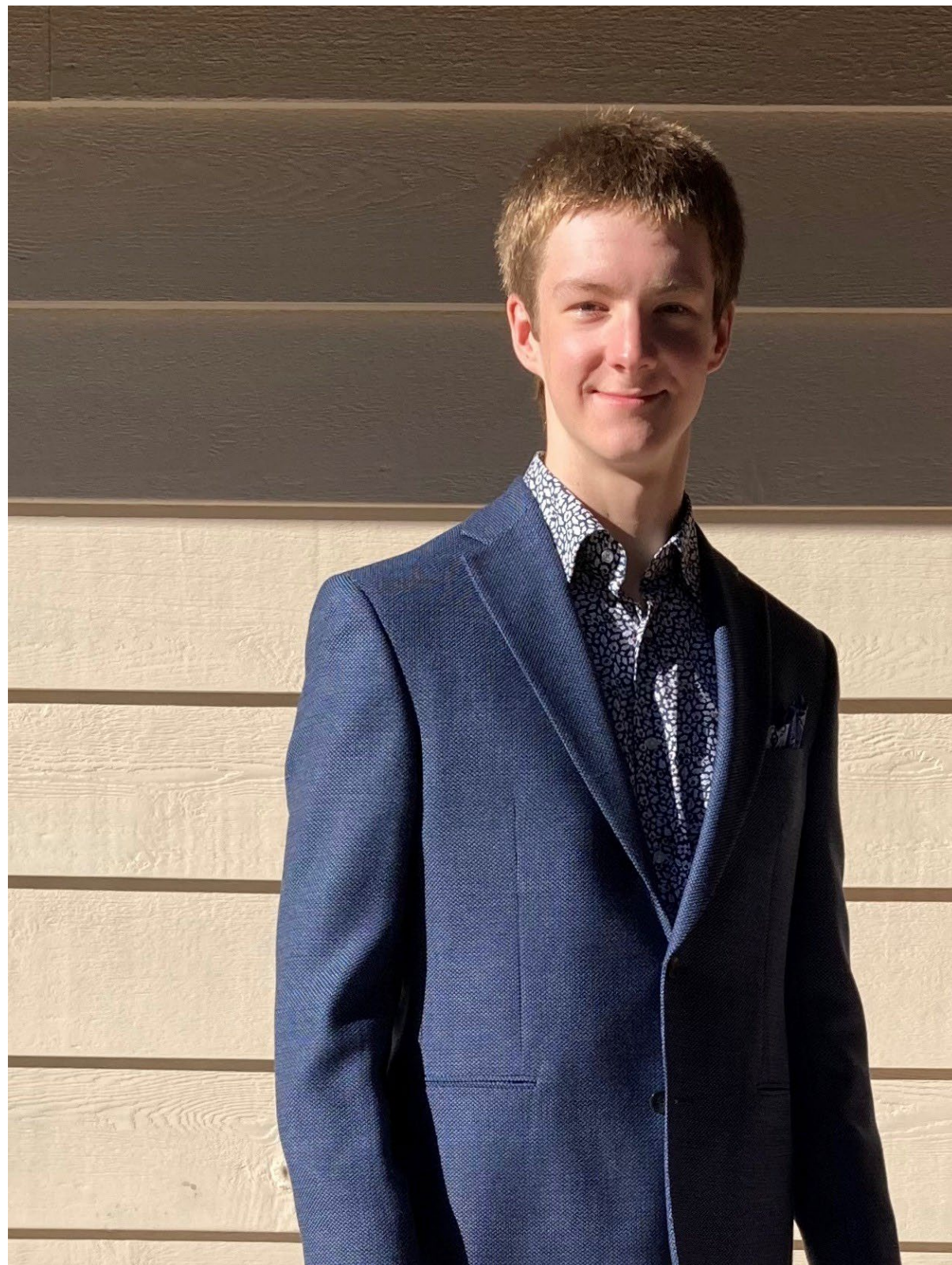


Receiving this scholarship has eased the financial pressure of attending university, allowing me to devote more time and energy to my coursework and research interests. Beyond the financial support, it has affirmed my hard work and motivated me to continue pursuing my academic and professional goals.

President's Scholarship

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Colin Smart, political science



Recognition of my passion for political science reinforces my longstanding ambition to pursue further education in law. I continue my academic journey in gratitude for the generous support of donors, whose encouragement enables me to remain focused, engaged, and committed to meaningful contributions in my studies and future career trajectory.

Oliver Prentice Memorial – Victoria-Saanich Rotary Scholarship

Emily Goodman, political science



I am honoured to be recognized and remain grateful to UVic and its donors for their generous support across my years at the university. Being awarded these scholarships has alleviated the financial burden of attending UVic and allowed me to focus on my studies and community involvement.

Birdwood Fund Award + Jacob Noseworthy Memorial Scholarship + Aaron Learmont Memorial Scholarship + Association of Former MLAs of BC Student Scholarship + Richard J. Powers Memorial Scholarship

Aberdeen Roy, anthropology



I am honoured to have been recognized in this way by the department. Receiving this scholarship meant being able to focus on my studies this past semester without worrying about a work study, as well as increasing my confidence as an academic.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology

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Andraya Stuart, geography



Being a recipient of the Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship has been an immense blessing this academic year. Financial support for my studies has allowed me to be more generous with my time and energy both inside and outside of the classroom. I have a deep appreciation for the school of Environmental Studies and am grateful for their support in my school-life balance.

Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship

Ro Antonini Leal, psychology



Receiving the president's scholarship has been a great incentive for my pursuit of understanding underlying connections not explicitly taught in lectures. It takes time to attend to details through imagination, but this method helps me sew connections across topics, disciplines and my own life. I feel grateful, thank you!

President's Scholarship

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Madison Vanderhooft, political science



I am honoured and incredibly grateful to receive these scholarships. These scholarships have significantly eased the financial burden of tuition and allowed me to fully engage in my studies, contribute to my community, and gain international internship experience. I extend my sincere thanks to Uvic and every donor.

Student International Activity Fund Award

Brett Krasman, psychology



Receiving these awards provided the financial means to continue my dedicated efforts in academics and fostered feelings of self-worth in these pursuits. Thank you to the donors and the department for investing in my growth as a learner.

Melva J. Hanson Scholarship + President's Scholarship

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Gracie English, psychology



The President's Scholarship immensely reduced financial burdens, enabling me to focus more time and effort on academic pursuits. The JCURA award provided funding for my honors project investigating couples' experiences of the transition to parenthood, contributing to better understandings of how to support relationships during exposure to stress. I am very honored and thankful for this opportunity.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship

Hanna Solis, political science



The JCURA Research Award allowed me to turn passion into purpose. Researching migration alongside Dr. Feng Xu not only sharpened my academic skills but gave me the chance to do work that is both intellectually rigorous and deeply meaningful. This scholarship has shaped the person I am becoming.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

Lara Solomons, psychology



I am very grateful to have received these scholarships from UVic. Receiving these has helped solidify my interest in psychology, as well my motivation to continue working hard in my studies and research.

Alumni Association Undergraduate Scholarship + President's Scholarship

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Catherine Davison, anthropology



These scholarships have positively impacted my ability to pursue my interests and grow as a student without financial stress. Due to this support, I was able to enroll into a master's degree in anthropology for next year. I am very grateful for all those who contributed.

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

Danylo Humeniuk, psychology



Receiving the Embassy of Ukraine Book Prize is deeply meaningful to me as a Ukrainian student studying abroad. This recognition encourages me to continue exploring Ukrainian language, history, and culture in my academic work. It motivates me to contribute to sharing and preserving Ukrainian culture within the university community and beyond.

Embassy of Ukraine Book Prize

Deepkhushi Baidwan, psychology



This scholarship has allowed me to pursue research that connects psychology and technology, particularly in cognitive neuroscience and human–computer interaction. As an international student, this support has made it easier to dedicate time to research, mentorship, and community work. It encourages me to keep building technologies that better support human thinking and wellbeing.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Thomas Jungen, geography



I am extremely grateful to for the scholarship I received from UVic. It has helped relieve financial pressures for me and has allowed me more time to focus on my studies and to be the best student I can be, as well as becoming more involved in the community at UVic.

Canadian History Scholarship

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