Congratulations Rising Stars 2018
Alexa Lewis, political science

My scholarship has allowed me to pursue my passion for political science to the fullest. Through my school career, I balanced my schoolwork with not only volunteering at my course union, but interning at a non-profit dedicated to promoting the political achievements of women!

Thank you, University of Victoria!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Allison Muzyka, political science

I am very grateful to receive a scholarship award after transferring to UVIC. I had an inspiring first term with my amazing Political Science professors.

I really enjoyed applying the skills from the Policy Analysis class to address low immunization rates in the province.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
My scholarship helped me get the chance to more comfortably enjoy my CO-OP Summer 2017 work term.

I worked in two different museums, one in California and the other in Iceland!

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Co-op Scholarship
I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship. It not only assists financially, but provides motivation to continue pursuing a future I’m excited about.

This past summer I was fortunate to be a part of World Fisheries Trust as their Environmental Research Technician where I had the opportunity to apply knowledge from my studies and educate youth about the importance of our oceans.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
I am very grateful for the scholarships that I have received. This financial assistance eased the burden of my tuition fees and enabled me to spend the summer working as a curatorial assistant to Dr. Andrea Walsh on her most recent exhibition, There is Truth Here.

President's Scholarship
Grand Post of Native Sons of B.C. - Bruce McKelvie Scholarship
Callie Greene, psychology

I am extremely grateful to have received a scholarship—it was a great honor and encouraged me to keep pouring my heart and soul into my studies. Applying my conceptual knowledge to volunteering in a neuroscience lab has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my degree so far!

President's Scholarship
Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to pursue a degree in Political Science while simultaneously allowing me to gain valuable work experience through the UVic Co-op program. I was able to spend a year living in Nairobi, Kenya where I completed internships with the Aga Khan University as well as with the United Nations Environment Program.

International Student Awards
Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Co-op Scholarship
Chenoah Shine, geography

Receiving the Ross Geography Scholarship was a huge honour. The freedom for personal development this scholarship has afforded me is invaluable. I have been able to participate in a field school and gain diving certification, which have broadened my skillset and enriched my passions for ecology, conservation, and community engaged learning.

Ross Geography Scholarship
I am very grateful for the scholarships that I have received as they have allowed me to focus on my education. This year I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Karen Kobayashi on an Honours thesis which examines families and wellbeing. This hands-on experience has enhanced my learning and furthered my passion for sociological research.

President's Scholarship
Roy E. L. Watson Scholarship
Scholarships have been an indispensable support throughout the duration of my studies here at UVic. I feel fortunate to be a student in the Department of Political Science; the professors are exceptionally supportive of their students’ learning and research, which I certainly appreciated as I wrote my Honours thesis on Arctic Security last year.

Dr. Edgar S. Efrat Book Prize
James Wattie Memorial Essay Scholarship in International Relations
Barnabas Ney, economics/math

This scholarship has given me the flexibility to continue volunteering, while still in school, with a wide range of organizations including marine search and rescue and long term care facilities; thus gaining much valuable experience.

My scholarships have always encouraged me to pursue education, whether that is here, abroad on exchange, or in future programs.

George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship
I am extremely grateful to receive the President’s Scholarship and the George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship. The awards gave me the financial freedom to quit my part-time job to focus on academics and participate in competitions. I also got to work for bcIMC and Fieldhouse Capital as a co-op student.

George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship
President's Scholarship
Erin Spence, political science

Receiving my scholarships has provided me not only with a feeling of accomplishment, but it has also given me the opportunity to devote additional time and attention to my studies. I am deeply grateful. During my studies, I completed a work term as a guide at CFB Esquimalt, which allowed me to gain hands-on experience in the Federal Public Service.

James R. Bullick Memorial Scholarship
President's Scholarship
Walter D. Young Book Prize
Being the recipient of the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award has been an immense privilege which has provided me with unique and rewarding opportunities. Getting to work one-on-one with a professor doing research that I’m passionate about has changed my entire outlook on my education and my future.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
I am grateful to receive this scholarship as it reduces financial stress and motivates me to achieve my academic goals. This year has been full of opportunities, including my ongoing participation in Dr. Woodin’s and Dr. Sakaluk’s labs.

I am proud to be doing an independent study with Dr. Sakaluk examining the extent of GLBT exclusion from sexuality research.
My scholarship at UVic has empowered me to more freely explore both my academic passions and apply knowledge in the classroom to engaging projects beyond the Ring Road. It has allowed me to pursue opportunities such as co-op education with Parks Canada in the Gulf Islands, working in Alberta’s far north, or investigating Trump’s America through the Honours program.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship Renewal
Haley Gurney, psychology

My scholarship has enabled me to pursue a secure education that is rich and full of promise. Alongside this education I have sought out experience volunteering with youth groups and crisis centres.

I appreciate having this opportunity to further my learning, as I know this is a privilege that is not offered to everyone.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Hannah Eilertsen, psychology

I am extremely honoured and grateful to be a recipient of a UVic Excellence Scholarship. The financial support has allowed me the opportunity to pursue my educational interests in Psychology and the time to continue to devote myself to my studies and volunteer work.

I truly appreciate the support and the recognition.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Harris Watt, sociology

My J.C.U.R.A. has given me a lot of momentum in my last year. I’m getting into some really deep philosophy that I expect to be leaning on for the rest of my academic life. It has also spawned a few other projects, including participation in the Electronic Textual Cultures Lab's 'Open Knowledge Practicum', one of the things keeping me active late in my undergrad.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
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UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Walter D. Young Book Prize
Inanna Sokil, anthropology/environmental studies

I would not be where I am today without the generous scholarships that I have received. Special thanks to Andreas Conradi! Scholarships have given me the opportunity to study Spanish in Ecuador, Permaculture on Cortes Island, and this June I will be studying sustainable Indigenous ecologies and economies in Perú.

International Student Awards
President's Scholarship
Vicky Husband Scholarship
As an Anthropology Major I believe it is very important to get hands on experience and to be able to apply what I’ve learned in the classroom to fieldwork. I am very grateful for this scholarship as it will help me participate in the 2018 Cuba Ethnographic Field School.
I am thankful and honored to have received a scholarship. I appreciate the financial support and recognition of my academic endeavors.

Learning about Victoria’s physical and cultural environment through the field trips and community engagement incorporated in my Geography classes has been one of the highlights of my studies at UVic.

Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography
In the final year of my degree, I have discovered an interest in Community Engaged Learning through working with a local non-profit agency.

My scholarship renewal for the 2017 year has given me the means to pursue sociology and see firsthand its meaningful application in the real world. I am so grateful.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Jerome Lyons, economics

Thank you to the President for awarding me with this incredible scholarship and opportunity. My scholarship has benefited me in three ways, it has: lowered my financial burden, boosted my self-esteem, and increased my moral. I manage my own painting business which has given me insight into the economics of firms as well applying economic rational to my decision making.

President’s Scholarship

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Receiving the JCURA scholarship is a great honour. It encourages me to do my own research which I feel passionate about. This funding also has helped eased the financial burden of my parents. I’m now doing my 4th year thesis on reporting workplace sexual harassment.

I hope my research could add another perspective to problem like this and let more people know about it.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Jun Wu, economics

To be selected receiving the scholarship means a lot to me, because it symbolizes what I can achieve studying in second language. Furthermore, it inspires me to aim higher. With my background in economics at UVic, I got to intern at Industrial and Commercial Bank of China in the summer and learn about banking and capital market.

Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarship
President’s Scholarship
Receiving the McLeod scholarship enabled me to pursue my interests in Human Geography. I have had the great opportunity to work with Reuben Rose-Redwood as a research assistant investigating geographical trends in place reshaping via place naming. I have also had the pleasure of assisting with the Urban Studies Lecture Series, the City Talks, this past year. My interest in geography only continues to grow as I persist on with my degree.

Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography
I appreciate the acknowledgement by UVic of my academic achievements.

I also appreciate the generosity of the donors who make these scholarships possible, and the financial assistance that my scholarship has provided in my pursuit of an anthropology degree.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
The scholarships that I have received have allowed me not just to attend university, but to participate fully in the campus community. They have given me the opportunity to advocate for students in all levels of university governance and to give back to my peers and the campus as a whole.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Kate Reifenberg, political science

I am honoured and extremely grateful to have received this award. The financial support has allowed me to focus more on my studies as well as become involved in extra-curriculars such as the Undergraduates of Political Science course union. In addition, recognition for my success in security studies will assist me in my pursuit of a masters and hopefully a PhD.

Lieutenant-General S.F. Clark, CBE CD Scholarship
Katyana Szabo, psychology

The President's Scholarship gave me a sense of empowerment that allowed me to approach my fourth year at UVic with confidence. Because of the financial help, I can focus on my studies without the concern of student debt resonating in the back of my mind.

The most influential hands-on learning I have experienced thus far has been volunteering at the Victoria Brain Injury Society, which has allowed me to interact with and learn from individuals who have experienced far worse hardship than I.

President's Scholarship
Kenya Rogers, political science

The JCURA scholarship has assisted me in conducting in-depth interviews with student survivors of sexualized violence, providing insight on how universities respond, and how communities heal. I am honored to do this work and continue to be inspired by the stories and resistance of participants.

I am excited to share research findings at the 2018 JCURA Poster Fair and I am eternally grateful to my supervisor Dr. Heidi Stark for her guidance, and support. Thank you also to Dr. Marlea Clarke and the entire 2017/2018 Political Science Honours cohort for keeping it real.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Katie Hughes, geography

Receiving a scholarship from Uvic has allowed me to pursue the hands-on opportunities which drew me to study geography at UVic. I have had the opportunity to participate in hands-on field work, around Victoria and at the Uvic research base on Flores Island. Being a part of the UVic geography program has provided me with meaningful learning experiences and applicable skills, transferable to research and the workforce. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had thanks to my scholarship and the Geography Department.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
This scholarship has allowed me to continue my research into childhood maltreatment. With support from the JCURA, I will be collecting survey responses from over 600 North Americans - data that will be used to improve the measurement of emotional abuse and neglect.

I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Kimberly Webber, economics

The Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award allowed me an unique opportunity to combine my knowledge of Indigenous Studies and economics to do hands-on research during my undergraduate degree.
Lane Chevrier, psychology

Once again I feel honoured to receive this recognition! My degree has been a trial of hard work and this generous gift has helped me progress through it. Thank you! :)

My most rewarding example of hands-on learning was being able to dissect human brains in Functional Human Neuroanatomy.

T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal
Laura Glover, psychology

It is hard for me to express just how honoured and grateful I feel for the opportunity to receive this award. It has allowed me to pursue my degree in a way that simply was not possible for me before. This award has allowed me the opportunity to work one-on-one with professors and graduate students whom I admire, as well as the chance to contribute to meaningful psychological research.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Lauren Colborne, psychology

The Hector William Hadland scholarship and the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award have encouraged me to continue to pursue my academic aspirations. With the help of these awards, I have been able to dedicate my time to my research and developing skills that will allow me to pursue a career in academia and research.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Lena Dietz Chiasson, geography

This scholarship has allowed me to fully enjoy my year at UVic, especially through hands-on experiences. I had the opportunity to learn about glaciers in the coastal mountains of BC and about regional and community conservation on a sailboat in the Gulf Islands. I am incredibly grateful for these opportunities, thank you!

Ross Geography Scholarship
Lorilee Wastasecoot, political science

I am incredibly honoured and humbled to have received the Tsi'tsu'wu'tul Scholarship Award donated by Ruth Young. This award has helped lift some of the financial burden as a student and single mother while raising my 17-year-old daughter.

As an Inninew iskwew, it was important for me to understand how colonial politics affects Indigenous people. My education within political science at UVIC has been a cathartic experience and process. It has helped me heal and through that healing it has helped me to show my daughter that she can heal too through her education and experience in the world.

Tsi'tsu'wu'tul Scholarship Award
I am so amazingly fortunate to receive this funding. It helped send me to a UNBC field school this summer, where I learned to make a Traditional Birch Bark Canoe. This opportunity helped me to grow as a mixed heritage Métis person as well as help me understand myself as an Indigenous researcher. I would like to thank my funders, and my cultural and academic community for supporting me through to the final year of my degree. See you in graduate school!

UVic Academic Excellence Scholarship
John Michael Brownutt Scholarship
Joyce Underwood Indigenous Undergraduate Student Scholarship
Maria Garcia, political science

I’m genuinely grateful because UVic provided me with this opportunity without asking for anything but academic excellence in return. As a research assistant for the UNESCO Community-Based Research project at UVic, I understood that it’s the values that I learned at UVic, more than academics, what really mattered when making hard decisions.

Council of International Schools Scholarship
Winning a UVic Excellence Scholarship means that I have been able to spend my undergrad immersing myself in the wonderful world of sociology and preparing for my future high school Social Studies teaching career, where I will teach my students to see the beauty in our world’s ‘shades of grey.’

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Morgan Purvis-Bellamano, psychology

Receiving a scholarship means I can keep my time focused on studies, AND eat food! I love applying what I’ve learned in the classroom to my role at Restorative Justice Victoria, supporting individuals to navigate the restorative process successfully and take responsibility for harms to the community.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Nadine Madson, anthropology

I am incredibly appreciative to have received two scholarships this year, which has helped tremendously in allowing me to continue to learn and grow in the field of anthropology. I am excited to explore the opportunities that have been presented to me, including conducting my own ethnographic research this semester.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Faculty Association Entrance Scholarship
Nick Esselink, psychology

Receiving this scholarship has provided me the freedom to better pursue my interests in psychology. It has allowed me to divert time otherwise spent working to get more involved in psychology research being done here at UVIC and to volunteer working with at risk youth in Victoria.

General Undergraduate Scholarship
Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
President's Scholarship
Ninu Forrest, political science

I am a fourth year student completing my major in Political Science, minor in European Studies, and Language and Cultural Proficiency Certificate in Italian. Receiving a scholarship to study at UVic has been essential to my ability to become involved in extracurricular activities, such as the Undergraduates of Political Science, Model UN, and my campus political party club. I even had the opportunity to volunteer in the offices of Members of Parliament in Vancouver. This opportunity eventually led to a job this summer in Ottawa on Parliament Hill.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Walter D. Young Scholarship

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Olivia Bing, sociology

This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my academic ambitions and get one step closer to my life long dream of going to law school. This scholarship has alleviated the common stresses associated with university and allowed me to work less and focus more of my time in the classroom dedicating myself to hands on learning at UVIC. I am extremely thankful for the scholarship I have given and it has helped me become the successful student I am today.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
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UVic Transfer Scholarship
Rachel McMillan, political science

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UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Walter D. Young Book Prize
Saige Lawson, sociology

Receiving this scholarship has enabled me to partake in different opportunities that have enriched my experience at UVic, with the financial burden being reduced. Being a part of the co-op and Honours program has allowed me to independently explore aspects of sociology through both work experience and research – thank you!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
The Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award has given me an opportunity to pursue a research project that I am passionate about. Not only that, this scholarship has helped in alleviating the burden of tuition costs. I am truly grateful for this recognition and opportunity for experiential learning.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Brandon Sopkow, psychology

I honestly cannot describe how overwhelmed I was to receive the news. The unexpected financial support has allowed me to continue working alongside those who are unable to help themselves, and often lack sufficient funding for proper care. Plus it’s easily the most enjoyable job I will ever have… thank-you!

Anthony Gerard ‘Bud’ Peetz Scholarship
Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Akshay Bhasin, psychology

This scholarship means a lot to me. Receiving this scholarship in my final year meant that I did not have to work part-time in order to afford tuition and graduate school application fees. Not having to work meant that I could devote more time to my courses and honours thesis.

President’s Scholarship
Mike Graeme, anthropology & environmental studies

Fifty words are scant for showing my appreciation to the donors who've supported my UVic journey. Their support made so many ungraspable opportunities graspable, such as the hands-on field school I will be undertaking this spring in Peru to learn about Indigenous systems of living that have sustained the region since time immemorial.

Andrew Soles Memorial Scholarship
International Student Awards
President’s Scholarship
Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship
Samuel Martin, political science

My JCURA with the Slavic Studies department has given me invaluable first hand experience in designing and executing social science research. Many thanks to Dr. Rochtchina, my research supervisor, and Victoria's Russian community for supporting my research.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Sarah Jansen, political science

Researching one-on-one with my professor has equipped me with the tools to engage critically with relevant content. This experience has also made me a more confident researcher, allowing me to push the boundaries on asking complex questions and thinking independently. My topic did not require “hands-on” learning but it was interesting to navigate through online government documents.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Sydney Boothroyd, psychology

My scholarship has allowed me to focus on what matters the most: surrounding myself with inspiring individuals, and absorbing as much experience and insightful wisdoms as humanly possible. Thank you for a fantastic few years, UVic.

President's Scholarship
I am immensely grateful for the scholarships that I have received this semester. Due to the generosity of the donors, I have been able to focus greater attention to my studies this year, and to creating my future plans for after graduation. Hiy Hiy (thank you)!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Norah and Calvin Banks Aboriginal Leadership Award in the Sciences
President's Scholarship
Sellemah Scholarship
I am extremely grateful to the university for awarding me this scholarship. It came as a surprise and honour, which has eased the stress of student life considerably.

This past summer I had the opportunity to work in the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. My time here at UVic has opened up many doors for me, and leaves me excited for what is to come.

Ross Geography Scholarship
Hector Demarco, economics

I am really thankful for having received the President's Scholarship. It means a lot to me to finally be able to have some financial independence, and to be able to cover my education's costs with something that I have earned. This just proves that sometimes hard-work does payoff, and there is nothing that motivates me more than knowing that.

President's Scholarship
Zack Senay, psychology

Receiving scholarships for my academic efforts truly means the world to me. It has only served to increase my passion and drive towards success in my future educational and vocational endeavors. It has also afforded me the opportunity to get involved in research labs and has allowed for continued commitment to my current studies.

Columbia Coast Mission Scholarship
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
President’s Scholarship
I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have received. They have allowed me to focus on my classes, research for my honours thesis, and future career plans. I would like to thank everyone in the economics department who has helped me along the way.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Hanna Thomson, geography

I am extremely thankful for the recognition, and although ‘C’s get degrees’ I’m happy that my neurotic studying has not been wasted. The engaging class discussions, field trips, case studies examined in class, and incredible examples provided by each prof inspire me each and every day I come to class.

President's Scholarship
Navi Smith, geography

I am deeply grateful for the mentorship this award made possible. For 16 weeks I was lucky to learn from passionate experts in both Bella Bella & UVic's own Applied Conservation Science Lab. Working alongside these ‘giants’ has meant immense professional (& personal!) growth. Thank you for investing in me, UVic!

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
Emily Raymond, psychology

Without my scholarship, I might not have been able to complete my degree at UVic. Over the course of my degree at UVic, I have had the opportunity to pursue my academic passions, interact with amazing faculty members, participate in research labs on campus, and make life-long friends. I could not have asked for a better university experience - I will miss UVic when I graduate.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Amaya Black, geography/environmental studies

Field schools have been the highlight of my academic career, they have taken me from studying rainforest ecology and wildlife in old growth forests of Tofino, to sailing in the Southern Gulf Islands on 21m sailboat. I’m deeply grateful for award, which afforded me the opportunity to participate in hands on experiences in the field.

Being recognized as a UVIC Rising Star scholarship recipient is a testament to the constellation of professors, researchers, peers, friends and family which I’m apart of.

Thank you
I am so honoured to receive the Columbia Coast Mission scholarship and the Hector William Hadland Scholarship in psychology. This financial support has made such a huge difference for me and has granted me the freedom to pursue what I love.

Thanks to these scholarships, I have been able to fully dedicate my time to completing my Honours thesis under the supervision of Dr. Erica Woodin in the Couples and Families Lab here at UVic.

Columbia Coast Mission Scholarship
Hector William Hadland Scholarship
Elise Gilchrist, psychology

I would like to sincerely thank the University of Victoria for recognizing my academic performance. The scholarship I received is something I will be continuously grateful for as it has instilled in me a strong sense of what I can accomplish during my time at UVic and thereafter. I would also like to acknowledge the Songhees, Esquimalt, and Wsáneć peoples on whose lands the university is located. HÍ,SWȿ,KE!”

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Jooyoon Kim, economics

I am absolutely grateful and honored to be granted the scholarship. For me, the scholarship meant more than just financial assistance; it provided not only the opportunity for my transition to University of Victoria with confidence, but also to learn that hard work always pays off.

UVic Transfer Student Scholarship
Alexandra King, geography

This generous scholarship has provided me with the opportunity to study in a field I love with professors I admire, gain invaluable skills for both my summer work with the BC Wildfire Airtanker Program and my future career in Geomatics, and soon to study abroad in Spain and learn in a new language. I am so thankful!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal