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Being a UVic Excellence Scholarship recipient has enabled me to explore topics which I have become deeply passionate about. This semester I will conduct an independent research project on Asian Canadian mixed-race identity and belonging—a topic that is both personal and important to me. Further, I am able to pursue local social justice, such as volunteering at PEERS and marching for women's and Indigenous issues. None of these opportunities would have been made possible to me without my scholarship.
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
I would like to express my deepest gratitude for this award. Being a recipient has allowed me the opportunity to work in the UVIC Couples and Families Lab under the supervision of Dr. Erica Woodin; a woman whom I admire in every possible way. Working in this lab has been the highlight of my undergraduate degree, and something that would not be possible without the support of this award. Thank you so much.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Seyed Sina Seyed-Ali, Economics

Given the outstanding individuals I have been privileged to work/learn alongside, I feel very grateful and fortunate as a recipient of these unbelievably helpful awards. A special thank you to the students and the faculty of the Economics Department. I've been lucky to work as a Community Leader for the university; while working with students that are transitioning into the university environment, I have developed a great interest for understanding information, incentives, and individual decision making.

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Scholarship
President's Scholarship
Mehdi Amini, Economics

I am honoured to have received the Harold G. Craven scholarship. This scholarship provided me with financial freedom while motivating me to further pursue my studies. During my studies, I completed a co-op work term at Scotiabank and also worked with my accounting professor as a teaching assistant. I truly appreciate the support and recognition.

Harold G. Craven Scholarship
My scholarship helped subsidize part of the cost for my exchange semester at Aberystwyth University in Wales. It was an amazing experience to be able to study abroad, building connections with people from all over the world and adding an international perspective to the final year of my degree!
This scholarship means that I’m able to pursue my academic ambitions to their fullest extent, having worked as a Research Assistant for the Landscapes of Injustice history project in the BC Archives, and engaged in hands on learning in the field with the Barkley Sound Archaeological Field School. Thank you.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship Renewal
Jennifer’s ambition for exploration and discovery sparked studying the patterns of the human soul, psychology. Fueled by passion, fanned by economic support and invigorating professors, she sets her mind ablaze. Inspired by William James’s parapsychology work, last summer she attended a research symposium in the Spiritualist town of Lily Dale, N.Y., conducting participant observation of séances and mediumship.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
I am so grateful for the scholarships that I have received, as they have not only validated my hard work, but have also given me the opportunity to devote more time and energy to my honors research project. Thank you so much for this incredible honor!

Melva J. Hanson Scholarship
President's 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. I have also been able to work with the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on new policy around the housing crisis.

Aboriginal Scholarship in Economics
Harold G. Craven Scholarship
I am very grateful for my scholarships, which have been vital in decreasing my financial stress. They have given me more time to focus on my studies and gain additional experience in various anatomy and osteology laboratories, as well as volunteer for many nonprofit organizations.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Receiving the Ross Geography Scholarship was a tremendous honour, and I owe much to the many UVic professors who enthusiastically share their great passion. This award has effectively allowed me to take part in UVic’s Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve field semester, where I will have the privilege of studying for the next three months.
I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have been awarded throughout my academic career. They have allowed me to fully focus on my studies and explore my passions - not only here at UVic, but studying abroad as well. Financial assistance supported an opportunity for me to experience exciting and comprehensive learning in Xi’an, China during the past summer. Thank you!

Roy E. L. Watson Scholarship
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
This scholarship has lifted the financial burden of tuition, allowing me to extend my undergrad and extract as much knowledge and experience as possible. Ultimately, it has moved me closer in achieving my academic and career goals. The most memorable ‘hands-on’ learning experiences has been surveying Gray Whales during the Ahousaht field school, and snorkel drift surveys for provincially listed species of Trout during a co-op work term.

Ross Geography Scholarship
Laura Tkacsik, Psychology

I am grateful and honoured to be a UVic Excellence Scholarship recipient. This scholarship has not only allowed me to attend UVic, but also given me the freedom to spend more time enriching my education outside of the classroom. I have loved participating as a research assistant in Dr. Lindsay's lab and leading UVic's International Justice Mission campus chapter. Thank you, UVic!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my academics with vigour, by easing my financial burden. I now devote my extra time to working in the Couples and Families lab in Psychology, as well as volunteering with the Canucks Autism Network.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
My scholarship was very appreciated because it afforded me the ability to focus on my studies while I work towards my career as a clinical counsellor. Throughout this last year, I was honoured to have had the opportunity to work closely with a number of professors here at UVic, and I am looking forward to graduate studies in the fall. Thanks to all of the caring staff at UVic for a wonderful few years!

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Psychology
I am very grateful to receive this recognition! These scholarships will help me finish my degree and have motivated me to pursue graduate studies. Over the past year I have had the opportunity to work on self-directed research in environmental science through directed study and the honours program.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography
Mr. & Mrs. John L. Wyatt Price Scholarship
President’s Scholarship
Thank you for this scholarship! Having this financial support allows me to focus my attention on school and on hands-on learning opportunities through the Co-op program! In a recent Co-op, I discovered my passion for continuous learning and Indigenous food security as a youth worker for the SC’IANEW First Nation.

Pratt-Short Memorial Scholarship
President's Scholarship
Devon will be graduating in June with a BSc in Anthropology and a minor in Journalism. Her focus on human evolution and medical anthropology has led her to pursue a career in science journalism. She received a renewable UVic Excellence Scholarship in 2015 and worked hard to renew it for all four years.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Receiving these scholarships has been such an honor and a privilege. I’m incredibly grateful for the support, which has allowed me to continue studying topics that I’m passionate about. Pursuing an honors thesis has allowed me to get further involved in psychological research here at UVic. Working with UVic Student Life on projects promoting student mental health has also been a highlight.

Crocus Scholarship in Psychology
President's Scholarship
Robert S. Evans Memorial Scholarship
Mackenzie Cumberland, Economics

I am so grateful for my scholarship from UVic, which has allowed me to take advantage of opportunities like internships and running for student government in the course of my studies. Without my scholarship, I wouldn't have had access to the opportunities that have shaped who I am today.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
I'd like to thank the University of Victoria for granting me this award. It has eased my financial burden tremendously and allowed me to focus solely on my studies. I aim to carry this momentum, as well as the hands-on teaching experience I received as an undergraduate TA into next year where I intend to undertake a supervised research project.

Harold G. Craven Scholarship
Madelyn Hepp, Economics

Receiving this scholarship has given me the financial stability to focus entirely on my studies and truly enjoy my UVIC experience. It has also given me time for learning experiences outside of the classroom, including volunteering opportunities that I would not have had time for otherwise.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship. The financial assistance provided by the donors not only allows me to study without the burden of tuition, but it also motivates me to achieve academic excellence. I feel very privileged to be able to study at UVic, where I have had the opportunity to attend field schools, work closely with wonderful faculty, and meet an array of fantastic individuals across many departments.
This scholarship has been greatly encouraging as it demonstrates that my work is recognized and valued by the university. I’m extremely grateful. An experience I particularly value at UVic has been the opportunity to actively combine anthropology with photography which has brought this field to life for me. Thank you.

James R. Bullick Memorial Scholarship
President's Scholarship
I am very grateful for the scholarships I was awarded. They serve both as validation for the effort I devote to my studies and relief of part of my financial burdens. These awards have allowed me to focus on my studies, honours thesis, and work as an economics lab instructor.

Dr. Gordon Bertram Memorial Scholarship
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
President's Scholarship
Without the scholarships I have received, I would not have had the financial freedom to pursue the many extracurriculars that have been core to my university experience. These awards have allowed me to experience Southeast Asia on exchange, serve on student government, learn programming in San Francisco and much more.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship. It has helped me pursue a degree in Political Science and allowed me to gain invaluable work experience through the Co-op Program. I had the opportunity to spend eight months working for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, helping develop Species-at-Risk legislation for the Province.

Churchill Foundation V.I. Aleck Trawick Scholarship in Political Science
Walter D. Young Book Prize
Youjin Lee, Psychology

I am honoured and grateful to be a recipient of a President’s scholarship in my final year of a Psychology degree. I am excited to see what the future holds for me after graduation. Thank you for recognizing my academic achievements and giving me confidence.

President's Scholarship
I am deeply grateful to have received the Dr. Leo Bakony Memorial scholarship this year. I'm passionate about econometrics and receiving this award has reinforced my desire to study econometrics at the graduate level. I was lucky to be able to apply my skills with the BC Ministry of Citizen's Service this summer.

Dr. Leo Bakony Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship has encouraged me to continue to push myself to do my best in my future classes, while still enjoying the material that I learn. Through participating in numerous research studies, I have learned about the career opportunities that my hard work will bring me.

President's Scholarship
As a student interested in classical archaeology, the scholarships I have received from UVic have allowed me to participate in archaeological excavations in the Mediterranean to gain experience in the field which is unattainable from a classroom. It permitted me to work on my honours thesis abroad collecting unpublished data and volunteering my time by creating 3D models of the artifacts found on the dig.

International Student Awards
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, becoming a well rounded student both in and out of the classroom.

I truly appreciate the support and the recognition.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Nicole Bruce, Economics

I am grateful to be the recipient of the President’s Scholarship and the Melva J. Hanson Scholarship. These awards have allowed me to focus on my studies without the burden of financial stress, and to pursue my interests within economics. Thank you to the University of Victoria and its donors for their generosity!

Melva J. Hanson Scholarship
President's Scholarship
The scholarship money I received allows me to work less and focus on my studies more, including my JCURA and Honours research projects. I am forever grateful to the generous donors that continue to make these opportunities possible for students.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship Renewal
Megan Ellis, Psychology

I am grateful to have received this scholarship after transferring to UVic. It has given me the confidence and motivation to pursue my passion for Psychology and to get more involved within the school and community. I appreciate the support and recognition and I look forward to where my education will take me.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Over the summer, I took part in the ANTH 367 field school. The field school was centered around giving back to the Jewish Community through the documentation and restoration of Victoria’s Jewish Cemetery. Thanks to this scholarship, much of my stress surrounding tuition fees has been alleviated and I am now able to invest my energy into pursuing more opportunities like this.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology
Kaylyn Felton, Anthropology

Receiving the Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship has allowed me to take part in the LUBP 2018 Excavation in Lucca, Italy. I got to experience firsthand how to identify and piece together pottery shards, clean and restore bones, and record strata layers in detail. Working on site was an incredible experience, and I’m incredibly grateful.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology
Receiving a scholarship truly helped ease my transition from college to university, relieving some of the financial burden and stress of adapting to a new environment. It allowed me to devote more time to getting involved in clubs and communities relevant to my future career, while enriching my post-secondary experience.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Anouk Vuik, Psychology

This scholarship has allowed me to continue my studies with more determination and less stress. It has provided me with recognition for my hard-work that has encouraged me to put my best effort into all aspects of my study here at UVIC. It has allowed me to learn about subjects that I love while relating a vast amount of content to everyday situations and future career goals. Thank you very much for the opportunities that this scholarship has made possible.

Andrew Soles Memorial Scholarship
Westad Scholarship
Graham Berlin, Psychology

These scholarships have allowed me greater freedom to pursue a range of collaborative projects at the UVic. I feel particularly lucky to be conducting an honours research project that focuses on gay and bisexual men’s mental health under the supervision of Dr. Erica Woodin, as well as research with the School of Public Health examining potential crystal methamphetamine interventions for sexual minority men across BC.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
I am incredibly grateful for the scholarship that I received this year. As a result of this financial support, I am able to devote more time to studying and extracurricular activities, such as assisting in a research lab. This scholarship has encouraged me to continue striving to reach my academic goals and pursue graduate studies.
Andrés Montiel, Psychology

This scholarship has allowed me to study in a resourceful environment freed from political instability, uncertainty, and violence, as Venezuela’s situation continues to worsen. During my degree, I have had the opportunity to work as a research assistant for the Immigrant Family Studies Research Team, as well as to undertake an Honours research project on resistance to masculine norms and health outcomes in young men.

United World College Scholarship
Harold G. Craven Scholarship is my motivation for pursuing the career as a Chartered Accountant. I am so grateful to have received this scholarship. This scholarship provides me with the opportunity to try different business courses. These courses, such as accounting and financial management are very practical and helpful in my study and work.

Harold G. Craven Scholarship
Maryjane Brown, Economics

I am tremendously grateful to be the recipient of such generous support. Thanks to this indispensable financial relief, I am better situated to apply the practical skills I have developed at UVic to my volunteer work, and to continue forward with bolstered assurance in my pursuit of academic excellence.

President's Scholarship
University of Victoria Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship

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Cory Morrison, Psychology

I had to take time off school for a couple years and Uvic retained my scholarship. Which made returning very easy for me. I am grateful for the opportunity to finish my combined degree in Computer Science and Psychology.

Joyce Underwood Indigenous Undergraduate Student Scholarship in Social Sciences
I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity my scholarship has given me to concentrate on my academic pursuits. Working one-on-one with Dr. Scott Watson on a honours thesis exploring the UN post-conflict missions in sub-Saharan Africa has been a rewarding experience and has enriched my love for international research. Thank You!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
The transfer scholarship that I received has been tremendously beneficial, as it has allowed me to devote more time to my studies by not having to work part-time. Additionally, I have had more time to join school clubs that have provided me with experience relevant to my field of study, such as helping to organize mental health-related projects and UVic’s annual psychology conference.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Nicolas Esselink, Psychology

My pho and wine budget just grew substantially. But more seriously, this scholarship alleviates some financial stress and is greatly appreciated.

President's Scholarship
I feel very privileged to be a recipient of the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award. This scholarship has allowed me to dedicate my time to my research and provided me with a rewarding and unique opportunity to explore my interests. It has enriched my learning experience as well as instilled confidence in my academic abilities.
Mike Graeme, Anthropology & Environmental Studies

Given that my inspiration to enrol in environmental studies came while hiking a trail on Vancouver Island, it is fitting that in the culmination of my studies I would be honoured with the Vancouver Islands Trail Information Society Scholarship. I am so grateful for this support recognizing my academic work.

Vancouver Island Trails Information Society Scholarship
Mikaela Chia, Psychology

I am so grateful for the scholarships I have received through UVic. I truly would not have been able to fully pursue my passions for research and working with individuals on all walks of life without them. This past year, I had the privilege of interning through CAPI UVic with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) based in New Delhi and Rajasthan, after completing my Honours thesis with the Neuroeconomics laboratory here at UVic.

Irving K. Barber Premier’s International Scholarship
Kacey Curiston, Environmental Studies

Receiving this award was the perfect capstone to my undergraduate experience. I gained valuable skills, met wonderful people, and got to peek into a few different realms of science and research that I otherwise may have never experienced. I have a better idea of my career goals after this amazing opportunity.

NSERC Undergraduate Research Awards
These scholarships have been integral in financially supporting my last year of my undergraduate degree. I am especially grateful to the generous donors, as well as particular faculty who encouraged my studies. Thank you!

Pett Award in Archaeology
Eva Gribbon, Anthropology

My scholarship has supported my studies and afforded me the ability to attend a 6 week Archaeology field school in Bamfield and in the Broken Group Islands in the traditional territories of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and the Tseshahyt First Nation where I gained incredible hands-on experience and unparalleled learning.

Pett Award in Archaeology
My time at UVic was enriched with experiential learning. Last summer the Sustainable Ecologies and Economies field school had us planting veggies, making biochar, and learning from fair-trade co-ops and Indigenous farmers and community leaders in Peru. Thanks to the President's Scholarship and the Lorene Kennedy scholarship for getting me there!

President's Scholarship
This scholarship allowed me to continue working as a career skills facilitator for people with work barriers while completing my degree. I hope to apply this hands-on experience combined with education to be an effective and understanding doctor in the future: My medical school interview is in two days!

President's Scholarship
Ailsa McLellan, Psychology

I am so honoured and grateful to have received this award. With this financial support I have been able to volunteer at different organizations in town and utilize the skills I have learned throughout my studies. Thank you so very much.

President's Scholarship
Julian Pick, Geography

The academic scholarship was incredibly motivating and inspiring to me. It reinforced my perception on the value of hard work and dedication. As far as hands on learning, in and outside of the classroom this occurs everyday for me. At UVIC we have collected data using climatology instruments and at work, critical thinking helps all the time.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
My JCURA has allowed me to conduct research on mindfulness meditation, something I have always dreamed of doing. I am very grateful to the University of Victoria for this award, and to Dr. Smart and Kristen Silveira for their supervision and mentorship along the way.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
I am so grateful to have received this academic award as it has shifted my focus away from the financial side of my academics and allowed me to focus my efforts towards my project. Without this scholarship and the support from UVic, I would not be as confident in undergoing a self led project like my honour’s thesis.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Tanaz Hudda, Economics

As an international student, affording a holistic education is a struggle. The scholarship has enabled me to focus entirely on making the most of a university experience by explorations in academia, work and extra-curricular opportunities. I would sincerely like to thank my donors for it.

Aga Khan Academy Scholarship
Alexandra King, Geography

I am so grateful for the invaluable opportunities I have received thanks to the UVIC Excellence Scholarship. It has supported me through 4 years of academic material from inspiring professors, 2 summers working with the BC Wildfire Air Tanker Program, and this past semester as I studied abroad in Spain. It is my hope through these experiences I can pursue my dream career in Disaster Response both home in BC and around the world. Thank you UVIC!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
These scholarships have given me the funds to explore my academic interests, travel back to my territory, and do archival research in my Haíłzaqv community, as well as being able to partake in both of my field schools this past summer, in Bamfield (Nuu-chah-nulth territory) and Koeye (Haíłzaqv territory). I have been given amazing opportunities in archaeology, in the field, the lab, or any other possible opportunities. Walas giasixa.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
I am incredibly thankful for the support given to me by the University and scholarship donors. These awards have allowed me to continue studying, exploring, and pursuing new work and research opportunities during my undergraduate degree, including Co-op terms at the Department of National Defence in Esquimalt.

Hazel T. Knox Memorial Scholarship
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Walter D. Young Scholarship
I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have received. The funding has been very helpful, but the recognition has motivated me to continue to devote myself to my studies during my final year. I have enjoyed my time in the economics program at UVic, and I would like to thank the wonderful faculty who have supported me along the way.

George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship
Harold G. Craven Scholarship
R.W. “Bob” McQueen Economics Award
I am incredibly grateful for my scholarship, because they have allowed me to do an exchange in the Netherlands for one year. I have been able to see the effects of topics we discussed in my classes at UVic first-hand, such as meeting Syrian refugee students struggling to gain asylum here in the Netherlands.

International Student Awards
Robert and Ellen Pearce Scholarship Renewal
Walter D. Young Book Prize
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Sociology and Indigenous Studies has aspired me to develop my career path with Community Development within the communications field to advise programs and research. This scholarship will help me achieve my goals and aspirations to work with communities and individuals. Studying at UVIC has supported me through the wonderful opportunities working with the government.

Indigenous Student Scholarship

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