Congratulations Rising Stars 2020

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Caitlin Chong, sociology

I am grateful for the scholarships awarded to me throughout my academic career. Financial support has allowed me to fully focus on my studies and explore my passions - not only here at UVic, but studying abroad as well.

Scholarships supported an opportunity to experience exciting and comprehensive learning in Xi’an, China during the summer of 2018. Thank you.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Elias del Valle, geography

Receiving the Ross Geography Scholarship was an unexpected honour; I could cut back on work hours and gain more from my studies. The financial toll was eased of past and present courses and field schools, including the memorable Koeye Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Resource Management Field School.

The door is now open for more exciting opportunities.

Ross Geography Scholarship

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Kadi Diallo, political science

The Kokouma family is honoured by the symbolism of the 2019-2020 Richard J. Powers Memorial Scholarship. We thank the donors, Faculty of Social Sciences and Department of Political Science. I’ve applied my degree in local student politics and advocacy, in addition to transnational relations between Canada and the European Union.

Richard J. Powers Memorial Scholarship
Isabelle Rutherford, anthropology

The financial support gained from this scholarship has allowed me to focus on and actively participate in my education. Because of this scholarship I have been able to take part in field school and devote time to study that would otherwise have been allocated to part time work. I am incredibly grateful for this assistance.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Sierra Wood, psychology

I am thankful to have earned this scholarship which lessened stress about my financial situation while working towards a degree in psychology. Last semester I was able to volunteer with CARTE academy and learn more about the counselling side of working with kids on the autistic spectrum alongside my studies.

General Undergraduate Scholarship & President's Scholarship

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Isabel Schneider, psychology

The Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology has been instrumental in allowing me to focus on my academic growth.

It has encouraged me to challenge myself further and pursue my research interests as an Honours student in the Child Development Lab.
Seyed Ali, economics

I feel very grateful and lucky to be a recipient of these awards. It is a privilege to study on this land and at this university, alongside so many talented and intelligent individuals. A special thank you to the students and the faculty of the economics department. Currently, I am exploring and researching the intersections of law and economics.

General Undergraduate Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship
Natallia Gagne, anthropology

The scholarship allowed me to achieve my goal of working in Indigenous communities and share my academic knowledge with others. I had the opportunity to work abroad in an Aboriginal Australian community, where I gained many valuable skills that I will be take with me in my future endeavors.

ATOL,ANW: A Season of Just and Fair Treatment Award + Joyce Underwood Indigenous Undergraduate Student Scholarship in Social Sciences + Irving K. Barber Indigenous Awards
Erin Rolleman, geography

I am so grateful for these scholarships which enabled me to attend field schools in some of the most beautiful corners of BC: the Salish Sea, Bridge Glacier and the Koeye estuary in Haíłzaqv territory. These field schools provided invaluable opportunities for hands-on, experiential learning. Thank you for the academic recognition.

Max Walker Scholarship in Geography + Ryszard Borzuchowski Scholarship + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + Vancouver Island Trails Information Society Scholarship + Charles Howatson Scholarship + President’s Scholarship + Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship
Zack Senay, psychology

I am so unfairly privileged to have received funding to continue my studies in psychology. That being said, I have developed a great sense of responsibility to give back to those in our community and am ever more passionate to continue on a journey that supports those around me.

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

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Hanna Jacobsen, sociology

Thanks to donors' generosity, I have had access to incredible learning experiences at UVic. I am currently conducting original sociological research into transgender communities on the social media site Tumblr, and have also worked in public policy as a co-op student at the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal + Roy E. L. Watson Scholarship
Jackson Joly, geography

I am very grateful to have received this scholarship! This financial aid has allowed me to be more focused on my studies. Throughout the past 6 months I have also had the opportunity to work as a research assistant in the SPECTRAL Remote Sensing Lab at UVIC.

I am currently completing a co-op work term with Environment and Climate Change Canada working on transboundary water management projects.

NSERC Undergraduate Research Awards

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I had the honour of being awarded a JCURA this year. This award has allowed me to further my knowledge in healthy aging and gain hands on research experience.

My JCURA project has afforded me the opportunity to work with functional neuroimaging techniques as well as behavioural data analysis software.
This scholarship provided me with the incredible opportunity to work at the SPECTRAL Remote Sensing Laboratory and has given me the courage to further engage in the exciting opportunities presented by research and remote sensing of the environment.

This summer I worked with a fantastic team to conduct fieldwork aboard BC Ferries Queen of Alberni, as well as in-lab sample processing and data analysis.

NSERC Undergraduate Research Awards
I had the privilege of travelling to Bangkok to complete a 7-month internship with the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women. I learned from passionate, driven and exceptional womyn in the grassroots women's movement. I was deeply inspired by their labour and love.

I explored what it means to be a mixed-race Canadian woman immersed in an unfamiliar culture space. I express eternal gratitude to the donors that have made this possible.

Dax Gibson Memorial Scholarship in Gender Studies & Anthropology + Dax Gibson Memorial Award in Gender Studies
I am very grateful to have received the J. Beattie MacLean Scholarship this year. The recognition and financial support have motivated me to continue to pursue engaged learning opportunities across my fields of interest - from taking the Goethe-Institut test in German, to working in the osteology lab in anthropology, to creating a community mapping project in geography.
Kristyn Merritt, sociology

Having access to a scholarship has created countless opportunities for me. My dream of attending UVic became a reality thanks to the scholarships I have received. This education informs and guides my work in marginalized communities and will continue to do so after graduation.

Thank you to everyone who has been a support along the way.

Youth Futures Education Fund
Julie Archibald, psychology

Receiving a scholarship has eased the financial burden associated with post-secondary education and allowed me to devote more time to getting involved in clubs and communities relevant to my future career, such as joining the Psi Chi honours society and being part of the Making Waves conference planning committee.

Andrew Soles Memorial Scholarship

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PJ Harnois, geography

I am extremely grateful for the support I’ve received from UVic, and from my professors in the Department of Geography. It has allowed me to focus on my studies and further explore my field of interest by carrying out a research project on transportation planning with Dr. Cameron Owens.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Aidan Ormond, economics

The President’s Scholarship has served as financial relief during my third year at UVic, but also as validation of my academic efforts. I feel more confident moving forward in my studies both at UVic in fourth year and in England for this spring term of third year.

President's Scholarship

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Maleen Mund, geography

The Elias Mandel Prize for Study Abroad in Hispanic and Italian Studies allowed me to experience a semester in Ecuador this past fall. I lived and studied in the beautiful city of Cuenca, where I made new friends while learning the language, history and culture of the country.
Jinghong Wu, economics

I am very appreciative and honored to receive the scholarship. It has given me the confidence and encouragement to pursue my goals. During my co-op term I worked for the Investment Banking Department at Huaxi Securities Corporation. I want to continue to work in the financial industry.

Harold G. Craven Scholarship
Jasmine Pathak, political science

I am honoured to be a recipient of the UVic Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship has given me invaluable opportunities to grow academically and professionally.

I have been able to serve the student body with the University of Victoria Students' Society, work as a Community Leader in Residence Life, and travel abroad with the UVic European Union Field School.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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I am so grateful for the scholarships that I have received this year. This recognition was a huge boost of encouragement for me. I feel more motivated than ever to work hard through the rest of my honours degree, and beyond!

Thank you.

General Undergraduate Scholarship + President's Scholarship
Julia Santarossa, psychology

Receiving this generous scholarship has enabled me to focus more heavily on my passion of psychology. It has liberated me to expand my knowledge and experience both in the classroom and the real world.

I am excited to continue volunteering at the Victoria Brain Injury Society and to branch into new and fascinating areas of psychology at UVic.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Talya Jesperson, sociology

Thanks to my JCURA Award, I had an incredible opportunity to explore a research project related to my minor, Technology and Society. I stepped into the world of politics and Twitter, where I had to learn most things on the spot, coping with problems as they arose. It was a great way to learn and I am so thankful for the experience.

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, assisting in a research lab and volunteering at a gym for people with physical disabilities.

This scholarship has encouraged me to continue striving to reach my academic goals and pursue graduate studies.

President's Scholarship
It is an honour to have received the Hector William Hadland Scholarship this past year. It has allowed me the financial freedom to focus both on my studies and a volunteer with a mental health unit at the Royal Jubilee hospital.

During my time at UVic I have had the pleasure to work in two research labs, which has enriched my learning. Thank you!

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Samantha Roessler, psychology

Receiving the UVic Excellence Scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to fully immerse myself in my academic experience.

Being a part of the applied learning environment at UVic has further developed my passion for psychology and I am beyond grateful for the continued support.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Receiving these scholarships has alleviated a significant amount of my financial stress. These have allowed me to focus further on my field research. I have spent my time on a self-directed field research project collecting baseline data on amphibians and their habitats throughout Bowen Island.
My undergraduate research award has enabled me to pursue my interest in psychological research. Specifically, I have developed and conducted experiments that test the timing and hemispheric specialization of face recognition.

I look forward to furthering this research and presenting it at the Visual Science Society conference in June.
Nicolas Esselink, psychology

Look ma, I won something! This scholarship means a lot. It has enabled me to use the time I would otherwise spend working to volunteer in the community and do research on motivation and well-being. But more importantly, this scholarship inflates my wine and coffee budget to more acceptable levels.

President's Scholarship
Hailey Howse, psychology

This scholarship has shown me that with effort and hard work you will be rewarded. Receiving this scholarship has made the transfer to UVic that much easier. It encouraged me to work hard at my studies and to make the most of this gracious offer.

I very much appreciate the financial support, as it has helped me with my educational goals and career aspirations. Thank you for this scholarship.

UVic Transfer Scholarship

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude and honour in being a recipient of these scholarships. By reducing financial barriers, these scholarships have allowed me to more meaningfully engage with my courses, and participate in volunteer teaching and co-op opportunities to complement my in-class education.

George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship + Willard E. Ireland Scholarship in History + Victoria Municipal Chapter, IODE Canadian History Scholarship + President’s Scholarship + Dr. Gordon Bertram Memorial Scholarship
The financial assistance provided by the donors allows me to study without the burden of tuition, for which I am truly grateful. Throughout my degree I have been able to learn from wonderful people in the Department of Economics and the School of Environmental Studies.

I have also been able to gain excellent hands-on learning experiences through various field schools, my work with Residence Life & Education, and as a Teaching Assistant.

Dr. Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies Undergraduate Award + Anthony Gerard 'Bud' Peetz Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship
UVic, I have come to learn, is chock full of new and exciting things to discover. One of my favourite examples of this took place in Indigenous Studies 391A, where we learned about traditional Cowichan weaving and even got to weave a little ourselves!

I'm in a world full of opportunities and my scholarship has helped me get there.

UVic Transfer Scholarship

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Experiential learning is one of the most valued forms of learning, and thanks to my scholarships I was able to live and work in Japan as a CAPI Intern, a truly invaluable learning experience. I am forever grateful for the privileges this institution has brought to me, and as a result, they have shaped my career and academic goals for the future.

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Co-op Scholarship

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Zoe Martin, political science

Receiving the Tom Perry Award for Social Responsibility last semester allowed me to dedicate more time working on the Good Food Challenge Audit, in partnership with Meal Exchange and the UVSS. Balancing school, work and extracurricular can be very challenging at times. I’m very grateful for the support this award provided me.

A big thank you to the donor, Judith White!

Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + Tom Perry Award for Social Responsibility
Tyler Severson, political science

I am extremely grateful for the scholarship since it has allowed me to devote more time to my studies and fully engage in my learning experience. This includes a final project in which I conducted an exclusive interview series with candidates for the 2019 federal election from the Victoria and Saanich-Gulf Islands ridings.

General Undergraduate Scholarship + President's Scholarship + Walter D. Young Book Prize

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Malcolm Walker, geography/ES

Scholarships have massively eased the financial burden of university, and for that I am extremely thankful to the donors. This has afforded me flexibility in considering applications to field programs or international exchange for next year.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal + Ross Geography Scholarship

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Being a recipient of the Irving K. Barber One World Scholarship helped fund my study abroad and participate in the Parliamentary Placement Program at the University of Edinburgh. In addition to taking courses, I gained hands-on experience interning for a Member of the Scottish Parliament. I feel so lucky to have had that unique and valuable experience!
Jacqueline Carhoun, psychology

My scholarship has allowed me to explore my passion in a way that wouldn't have been possible in a classroom setting. It has also allowed me to appreciate and understand research in a different perspective.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Ben Pearse, geography

I’m so honoured and grateful to have received this award which encourages me to continue pursuing an exciting field and allows me to focus greater attention on my studies. It has also provided me with freedom for volunteering, personal development, and valuable work experience, such as, spending a summer as a Research Assistant in Kluane National Park and Reserve.

President's Scholarship

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Veronika Krisandova, economics

My entrance scholarship was a great reward for my hard work in high school and it made me feel financially supported and confident enough to start my studies. My German scholarships have given me an opportunity to read more in German and immerse myself in the language and culture.

Government of Federal Republic of Germany Book Prize
Receiving scholarships that were able to assist me with my exchange to Uppsala Sweden this semester has been such an honour. I am very fortunate to have completed three co-op terms through UVIC, and to also have worked in the Child Development Lab under the supervision of Dr. Ulrich Mueller.

Irving K. Barber One World International Scholarship
Megan Ingram, sociology

Receiving these scholarships has been an incredible honour and an immensely valuable learning experience. The awards gave me the financial freedom to change my job and focus on academics and giving back to the community here at UVic. The awards have also facilitated some of my most valuable hands-on experiences in my academic career, including undergraduate research and the opportunity to study abroad in Germany. I am deeply grateful for these awards.

Social Justice Award + Scholarship Beyond Boundaries + David Harris Flaherty Scholarship + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal
This scholarship has allowed me to challenge myself academically and to master goal setting and execution while significantly stabilizing my financial situation. The scholarship is currently supporting me abroad where I have the privilege of taking courses within my field of interest while exploring the rich and fascinating culture surrounding me.
I am very grateful for the scholarships I received and recognition alongside this group of outstanding students. Financial support from the University of Victoria and Department of Economics has allowed me the freedom to focus on my studies, honours thesis, and roles as a lab instructor and President of the Economics Course Union.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + Harold G. Craven Scholarship + Matthew Cowan Annual Scholarship + Dr. Leo Bakony Memorial Scholarship
Nat Rambold, political science

This award has given me financial support to be able to focus on writing my honours thesis and dedicate time to my studies in my final year at UVic.

I am so grateful to be able to pursue my passion for gender equity on campus both in the classroom, in my volunteer activities, and through my employment at UVic. I am especially grateful to the many women in the Political Science and Gender Studies Departments who have taught me to be critical, who have supported me, and who have pushed me to apply for awards like this one, thank you!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Ty Styner, environmental studies

There would be no rising star without a constellation. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity this award presented to continue collaborating with friends from the Songhees First Nation to support the cultural and ecological spirit of Tl’ches. It’s been a gift to share in the special glow of the Lekwungen archipelago together - learning from the land and caring for the clams.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Taylor McEachnie, psychology

After transferring to UVic, I had to adapt and was very unsure about my ability. A Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Psychology was incredibly encouraging!

With my education I have been able to interpret doctor jargon and brain scans and met an opportunity to work with EEG over the summer.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Psychology

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Cory Morrison, psychology

It was extremely helpful to receive this award in the final year of my degree.

Thank you.

Irving K. Barber Indigenous Awards
The JCURA Scholarship I received has given me the financial opportunity to do an independent research project with financial support. This project has also allowed be create a project in conversation with my community and in a format that rejects the euro-colonial formatting that generally I have to follow when doing an end-of-term paper.

Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award + Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Matreya Fedor, economics

My scholarship has significantly reduced my financial burdens, which is not only a stress relief, but has also allowed me to dedicate more time to my studies. I recently started a Co-op semester at BCI. This has been a fantastic opportunity to continue learning and apply my knowledge in a hands-on work environment.

R.W. “Bob” McQueen Economics Award + Harold G. Craven Scholarship + George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship
Emma Ronayne, anthropology

I am so grateful and appreciative for the experiences made possible by receiving this recognition. Participating in the co-op program and conducting research in the Honours program have allowed me to take full advantage of my time at UVic and prepare for further education!

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

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I am extremely thankful to be presented with this award. It has helped me cope with my financial responsibilities and allowed me to focus my attention and passion towards my studies at UVic. I had the opportunity to become a collaborative learner alongside many talented students and professors, as well as explore future opportunities outside of the classroom.

General Undergraduate Scholarship + President's Scholarship + Columbia Coast Mission Scholarship
As an International student, I feel very grateful for receiving financial support and being a recipient of the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award. What I appreciate the most about doing sociological research with temporary foreign workers is that I get to put into practice my academic knowledge in a humanitarian way.
Milton Cabrera, psychology

This scholarship has meant a lot to me by allowing me the freedom to explore career opportunities within the field of psychology. I am currently gaining hands on experience working as a caregiver and am interested in doing research on interpersonal relationships.

UVic Transfer Scholarship

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The scholarships I have received over the years have allowed me to take opportunities I never thought possible; such as, excavating in Italy and Spain and spending a semester in Greece. The wealth of experiences these have given me is something I draw on every day in my personal life and schoolwork, including in writing my honours essay this semester.

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Anthropology + Hannah Madgen Memorial Scholarship
Nicole Enns, psychology

I am incredibly grateful to have received these scholarships. Not only have they tremendously lightened my financial burden, but they have also given me the freedom to focus on my studies and explore a variety of interests within the field of psychology - specifically development and cognition.

I truly appreciate the support and recognition.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Receiving the scholarships from UVic has allowed me to focus on my schoolwork without financial pressure, while also motivating me to continue working hard.

I've also gotten the chance to volunteer at the Victoria Brain Injury Society where I get to see how concepts from courses apply to daily life.

Frank and Margaret Gibbs Scholarship + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Nicole Neufeld, psychology

Receiving a scholarship this year was monumental in my success as a student. Not only did it help ease the financial burden, but it also gave me the confidence to realize my potential as an academic.

This scholarship has allowed me to expand my goals and go further than I ever thought possible.

Thank you!

President's Scholarship

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Leah de Zeeuw, psychology

The UVic Excellence Award has allowed me to grow not only as a student, but as a well rounded citizen. I have been a senior leader with the UVic Student Mental Health Leaders and I presented research at last year's Making Waves Psychology Undergraduate Conference.

I am so grateful for everything this scholarship has done for me, and I cannot express my gratitude enough.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
I am beyond grateful for the scholarships I have received. This financial support has allowed me to put all of my energy into my studies at UVic. I have also been able to devote my time towards volunteering, such as with the CARTE Academy. Thank you so much!

Betty Jamie Chung Scholarship in Psychology + Columbia Coast Mission Scholarship + Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
I am honored to be JCURA scholar. Ever since my family and I fled Venezuela, we have had worked tirelessly to get to where we are now. This award has allowed me to continue with my research, to embark on new projects, and to acquire valuable quantitative and qualitative skills.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Maryjane Brown, economics

It is an honour to be recognized with the President’s Scholarship. As this has alleviated a substantial portion of my student debt, I have been better situated to concentrate on schoolwork. This year, I have learned several new programming languages and have enjoyed experimenting with them in my spare time.

President’s Scholarship + Colin Jones Prize in Canadian Public Policy
Receiving the President's Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and research and has relieved stress and anxiety from my life.

I am incredibly grateful to my fiancé, all of my past and current professors, and my thesis supervisors, Dr. Maggie Jones and Dr. Rob Gillezeau, who have supported me in achieving my goals.

President's Scholarship
I am very honoured and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the President's Scholarship. This award has not only helped me financially, but has also validated my hard work and has continued to motivate me in my academic pursuits.

I would like to thank all the donors that have made these scholarships and bursaries possible.
William Thomas, economics

I would like to give my deepest thanks to UVic. Due to these funds, I have been able to delve that much deeper into my honours research. I would not have been able to achieve any of this without UVic and the ceaseless support from the faculty/staff in my department.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + President's Scholarship + James R. Bullick Memorial Scholarship + Leonard Laudadio Prize in Environmental Economics
Katie Dierks, anthropology

I am honoured to have received this scholarship to support my honours project and build on research I started in 2018 during the UVic Archaeology Field School in Barkley Sound. The experience and opportunities I gained from this field school have been life-changing and fundamental to pursuing a future in archaeology.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award + NSERC Undergraduate Research Awards

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As a recipient of the 2019-2020 Victoria Real Estate Board scholarship, I have been able to focus more on my studies and reduce the number of hours I work per week. Out of all my positive learning experiences at UVic, conducting research and interviewing study participants has been the most engaging.
Hannah Eilertsen, psychology

I am extremely honoured and grateful to be a recipient of a President's Scholarship and the Anthony Gerard 'Bud' Peetz 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.

Anthony Gerard 'Bud' Peetz Scholarship + President's Scholarship
Dalal Tubeishat, political science

My UVic scholarship has given me the financial freedom to explore my interests beyond the classroom. I have dedicated my time to volunteering in my community, such as with the UVSS to advocate on behalf of students for affordability and sustainability.

Social Justice Award + T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal

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I am so grateful for the scholarship that I received because it represents all of the hard work I have put into my studies and allows me to spend more time learning outside the classroom and as a doctor’s assistant and facilitator for Island Sexual Health.

General Undergraduate Scholarship + President’s Scholarship