RISING STARS 2013

UVic Faculty of Social Sciences, January 29th, 2013
Alanah Nasadyk
(Environmental Studies)

"Receiving the President's Scholarship means a lot to me because it helps me continue to focus on my goals without so much fretting about paying for the semesters to come. This scholarship also inspires me to keep doing best and serves as a reminder that hard work does not go unnoticed."

President’s Scholarship
Aurora Skala
(Anthropology)

“I appreciate having my academic achievements recognized!

The scholarship support I have received has made it possible for me to enjoy my education more, because I have been more relaxed, and I have been able to participate in extra activities, like field school. Thank you!”

President’s Scholarship
Christopher Mack
(Economics)

"Receiving this award is a great honour and further inspires me to strive for excellence in my academic career."

President’s Scholarship
Bradd Tuck  
(Geography)

"I am very grateful to have received the president's award this year. It has allowed me to focus my attention on education and enjoy all the experiences that UVic has to offer."

President’s Scholarship
Adam Tran
(Political Science)

"Receiving this scholarship has encouraged me to continue to engage with questions and causes that I am passionate about. I really appreciate the recognition and support."

Jeromy Pollard Memorial Scholarship
Kelly Forbes
(Geography)

"Awards such as the President’s Scholarship allow me to play just as hard as I work. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.”
Alexandra Fisher
(Psychology)

“I feel very grateful to be able to study with so many wonderful professors at UVic. I would like to give a warm thank you to UVic for this scholarship, it is a big part of what has made my academic experience so fulfilling.”

President’s Scholarship
Alex Luscombe
(Sociology)

"Receiving these awards has been a great honour. I am always happy to be recognized and supported financially."

Alan Hedley Sociology Honours Essay Award and President’s Scholarship
Caitlin Hodgson
(Anthropology)

“This scholarship has not only allowed me financial breathing room, but a sense of accomplishment for the dedication to my scholastic efforts last year. It has also further motivated me to pursue my future goals.”

President’s Scholarship
Joanne Courneyea
(Anthropology)

“I recognize that it is a privilege to be attending university and am appreciative of the financial support I have received. Thank you.”

President’s Scholarship
Justine Auben Drummond
(Anthropology)

“Thank you to faculty, staff, and donors for their support—both academic and financial. My UVic undergraduate experience has been invaluable. I look forward to pursuing graduate studies in anthropology, and will always be grateful to the good people of UVic for their generosity.”

President’s Scholarship
Kate Gray  
(Anthropology)  

"Thank you for this scholarship. It has allowed me to focus on my studies without the burden of academic financial worries."

President’s Scholarship
Jesse Holth
(Anthropology)

“I am extremely grateful for the financial assistance provided through this scholarship. It has allowed me to pursue my second degree, and inspires me to continue working towards my goals. Thank you so much!”

President’s Scholarship
Jon Baron
(Economics)

"I very much appreciate the financial help that UVic scholarships provide. They've made life easier, and motivated me to keep working hard."

Alexander and Helen Stafford
MacCarthy Muir Scholarship and UVic Faculty Scholarship
Kathryn Grant  
(Economics)

“My scholarship enabled me to experience and learn from working in Kenya as well learn just as much outside of work. I have taken away with me amazing experiences, friendships, and adventures that I will never forget.”

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle  
Co-op Scholarships
Kristina McKinnon
(Anthropology)

“Receiving this scholarship was an unexpected but very welcome surprise. I truly appreciate all the support and encouragement I have received from UVic, financial and otherwise.”

President’s Scholarship
John Foster
(Anthropology)

“I am incredibly grateful for the award that I received. As well as lightening the financial burden, it provided me with the confidence to excel during the fall semester and approach my academic potential.”

President’s Scholarship
Carolyn Tsao  
(Economics)  

"I am truly grateful for this scholarship, for both its financial and motivational value. Thank you!"

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Kirby Booker  
(Anthropology)

"My scholarships confirmed that I'd made the right choice in studying archaeology; I was also able to take classes through the summer and have a fantastic field school experience in Bamfield."

Pett Award in Archaeology and President’s Scholarship
Rachel Lott  
(Economics)

“I am grateful for these awards as the additional financial support has allowed me to concentrate on my studies, and it is also gratifying to be recognized for my hard work.”

General Undergraduate Scholarship and Jess Wallace Munroe Scholarship
Xuran Tang
(Economics)

“...The scholarship means an achievement I got from hard work and perseverance. It is a recognition which will always encourage me on my way to my dream.”

President’s Scholarship
Yanzi Liu
(Economics)

“Receiving this scholarship was an unexpected but very welcome surprise. This scholarship is a great honour for me, and has reinforced my decision to apply to graduate school.”

President’s Scholarship
Ray Power
(Economics)

“I am very grateful for this recognition, and for the opportunity to continue my studies with less of a financial burden. Thank you UVic for raising my utility!”

President’s Scholarship
Matt Hammer
(Environmental Studies)

“Getting a scholarship has helped prepare me for the future and allowed me to save for further education in teaching or law.”

President’s Scholarship
Clayton Lloyd
(Geography)

"This scholarship was like being given water wings while I swim in a pool of student loans. Many thanks!!"

President’s Scholarship
“Receiving this scholarship means that I am able to commence work abroad in the near future. Upon my graduation in April, I will continue to learn from our world's people by moving to another country.”
Frances Ankenman  
(Geography)  

“The support that UVic has provided me has assisted me in attaining my academic goals, for which I am immensely grateful. Congratulations to everyone whose achievements are being celebrated here!”

President’s Scholarship
Jennifer Giesbrecht
(Geography)

“It has been an honour to receive this award. The scholarship has allowed me to make the most of my final year at UVic by relieving some of the financial stress. Thank you!”

President’s Scholarship
Lily Jackson
(Geography)

“These scholarships have allowed me to devote myself full time to finding, studying and pursuing what I love. For this, I am both fortunate and immensely grateful.”

Ross Geography Scholarship and UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Robin Kite
(Geography)

“The scholarships I received were really encouraging after putting in so much work last semester. Thanks!”

Chapman Memorial Scholarship and President’s Scholarship
Rosie Child
(Geography)

"I am grateful to have received these awards; they have allowed me the opportunity to work less and put more time into my classes and volunteer work."

Ross Geography Scholarship
Sarah Marshall
(Geography)

“It is an honour to be an award recipient. Having this financial support has helped me make the most of my final year in Geography.”

President’s Scholarship
Paige Erickson-McGee
(Geography)

“I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship from UVic. Without generous donations like these, there would be many students, such as myself, unable to complete their education. I am very grateful to have this opportunity and am looking forward to the rest of my studies in Geography here at UVic. Thank you!”

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Minh Do  
(Political Science)

“It is an honour to receive the recognition of the Political Science department with regards to my efforts in my studies. I am humbled and grateful that this faculty is supporting and encouraging my learning in such a profound way.”

Walter D. Young Scholarship
Sasha Gronsdahl  
(Political Science) 

“The financial support I received this year has allowed me to focus on my honours thesis and take on volunteer work instead of holding down a part-time job. I am particularly honored to receive the Leo Chan Memorial Scholarship, since Leo was certainly a rising star himself and is greatly missed.” 

Leo Chan Memorial Scholarship and UVic Excellence Scholarship
George P.R. Benson-Patterson  
(Political Science)

"Winning the President's scholarship this year has been an incredibly gratifying and humbling experience. It is uplifting to know that my hard work is recognised and respected, but it is also a reminder that success is dependent on continuing to ask hard questions and not shying away from a challenge when it arises."

President's Scholarship
Christine Galipeau  
(Political Science)

“Being awarded the scholarship in 2012 has given me an opportunity to continue my studies throughout the upcoming summer. This matters to me as I am able to reach my objectives to graduate within a reasonable time frame. I am thankful for this!”

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Alannah James  
(Political Science)

“It is an honour to be recognized for the quality and bravery of my work; it encourages me to keep going, no matter how insurmountable the odds may seem.”

President’s Scholarship
Mavourneen Hourigan
(Political Science)

“This scholarship has enabled me to continue my pursuit of contributing to the development of a just and sustainable society. I greatly appreciate the acknowledgement of my efforts and the support I have received from family, friends, and faculty.”

President’s Scholarship
Renae Sinclair
(Political Science)

“This scholarship provided me with additional support to continue my drive toward academic excellence in the final stretch of my degree. I would like to thank the Political Science faculty and the Co-op program for providing me with an environment to develop the skills I need to pursue my future career.”

President’s Scholarship
Becki Gerlinsky  
(Psychology)  

“Thank-you very much for choosing me to receive the University Victoria Entrance Scholarship. With this scholarship I can continue with my academic journey in psychology.”

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Becky Higgins
(Psychology)

“I appreciate this scholarship because it meant that my hard work was being recognized. It was a nice way to end my final semester at UVic.”
Caley Longmuir
(Psychology)

“This award has helped me pursue my goal of getting into the honours program for my final undergraduate year and begin volunteering with multiple organizations. Thank you UVic for the support and encouragement you have given me with my studies.”

President’s Scholarship
Geralyn Ruissen
(Psychology)

"My experience in the psychology program at UVIC has been incredibly rewarding. These awards have been invaluable in allowing me to find a balance between work and play on the beautiful West Coast."

Melva J. Hanson Scholarship, Clara Evelyn Wilson Scholarship, UVic Faculty Scholarship
John Paylor
(Psychology)

"I am extremely grateful for this scholarship. It has enabled me to fully devote myself to my number one passion, learning! Thank you UVic!

President's Scholarship
Jonathan Wood
(Psychology)

“This award has relieved a portion of my scholastic financial burden and provided me with a great sense of accomplishment, one that far transcends the scholarship’s monetary value. Thank you for your recognition of my academic achievement, hard work and passion for the pursuit of knowledge.”

President’s Scholarship
Julie Spindler
(Psychology)

“This award has allowed me to take extra courses without the associated financial burden. It has encouraged me to investigate my interests further and expand my learning into different disciplines.”

President’s Scholarship
Nicole Gillette  
(Psychology)  

"This scholarship has allowed me the freedom to explore the natural diversity that drew me to Vancouver Island, while still maintaining an academic focus. Thanks, UVic!"

President’s Scholarship
Sydney Towns
(Psychology)

“I am grateful to be fortunate enough to achieve such a prestigious scholarship during this final year of undergraduate studies. This award not only provides much needed financial support, but more importantly it has re- endowed me with a sense of confidence in my abilities.”

President’s Scholarship
Tara McMillan
(Psychology)

“This scholarship has meant a greater freedom to focus on my studies, and an opportunity to explore my passions within the field of psychology.”

President’s Scholarship
Natasha Miner
(Political Science)

"Receiving a scholarship from UVic has been a great honour, and has allowed me to seize opportunities which might have been otherwise unavailable. It has also motivated me to work hard in my studies."

President’s Scholarship
Elisha Rothfels  
(Sociology)  

“The scholarship, so generously allocated to me means a great deal. It certainly shows that working hard at school, as if it is a full-time job, literally pays! Receiving the scholarship bolstered my confidence and motivated me to continue on my path of learning.”

Roy E. L. Watson Scholarship
Olivia Guerra  
(Sociology)  

“Receiving these scholarships from the University of Victoria have not only been an honour for the past four years, but it has been an honour that has also given me the confidence and drive to aim high and reach for my dreams. Thank you!”
Brad Dyck
(Sociology)

“I greatly appreciate being recognized for my efforts here at UVic; I extend my warmest thanks to the department for their dedication to student success. This scholarship has encouraged me to pursue my research interests further.”

President’s Scholarship
Olivia Merritt
(Sociology)

"My scholarship has given me affirmation of my pursuits in sociology, and better opportunities when applying to graduate school as well as financial security. A heart-felt thank you!"

Roy E.L. Watson Scholarship, UVic Faculty Scholarship, President’s Scholarship
Brendan Stewart
(Social Sciences)

“My sincerest thanks to the University of Victoria and the Faculty of Social Sciences for these awards.

Aside from easing the financial burden of full-time study, it feels great to be recognized for one's efforts.”

President’s Scholarship
Tori Williamson
(Economics)

"Thank you for the encouragement that this scholarship brings to my study of economics."

George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship, President’s Scholarship
"I am grateful for the contribution that the Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarship has made to my education and my career goals. My hard work has paid off. I will continue to work hard and at some point in the future to give back to the community."
Lauren Law
(Geography)

"The President's Scholarship is a reward for all of the hard work I have put into school this past year. This scholarship has relieved some of my financial stress and has given me the opportunity to focus my attention towards pursuing honours research on Landscape-Level Ecosystem-Based Management.

Thank you!"

President's Scholarship
Jamie Piercy  
(Psychology)  

“Thank you, truly, for this award. The recognition this award provided has allowed me to continue to pursue my education with passion. I am sincerely grateful.”  

President’s Scholarship
Michael Branion-Calles
(Geography)

“As I finish my final year in Geography this Scholarship has allowed me to focus more on my education than my finances, the value of which cannot be underestimated on both an academic and personal level.

Thank you for your support.”

President’s Scholarship
Megan Cook
(Psychology)

“I am proud and immensely appreciative of the scholarship I received; it has helped me in the continuation of a life-long education.”

Edythe Hembroff-Schleicher Scholarship
UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Emily Clark
(Geography)

“This scholarship has meant a lot to me, as it has helped me towards pursuing a continued education after my undergraduate degree. It takes some of the pressure off of trying to make enough money during the summer in order to keep attending school each fall.”

President’s Scholarship
“I am very appreciative of this scholarship. It has provided me with the motivation to continue to work hard and achieve my academic goals, while focusing on issues that I am passionate about.”
Kim Tenhunen
(Geography)

"Thanks to this scholarship and the hard work of the UVIC Whale lab crew I was able to blast through barriers and get out in the field and get a taste of my dream of studying these magnificent creatures."

BC Paraplegic Association
Erin Van Pypen  
(Sociology)  

"Receiving this scholarship has been instrumental in allowing me to focus on my studies and explore my interests within the discipline."

President’s Scholarship
Stephen Finnis
(Geography)

"Thank you so much!"

UVic Excellence Scholarship
Ansley Charbonneau  
(Geography)

“My scholarship has allowed me to focus on my academic pursuits, unburdened by financial obligations. As a result, I have discovered my passion for research and education.”

Helen Jessop Ford Scholarship
Naomi Roome
(Psychology)

“I would like to express my thanks for the generous scholarship as it has helped to fund my Honours in Psychology at the University of Victoria.
Thank you!”

President’s Scholarship