Congratulations Rising Stars 2016
I am very honoured and grateful to have received the President’s Scholarship. Thank you for the opportunity to further my studies and focus on my work in psychology without the added stress of financial burdens.

President’s Scholarship

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This scholarship allowed me to continue in my post-secondary studies without financial hardships. Not all students are this lucky. What BC really needs is needs-based grants so that students are not graduating with an average student debt of $35,000, as is the case currently. Education should be a right.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Kiera Smith, geography

I am grateful to be a recipient of the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award. It has allowed me to pursue my research interests of fire history and management. I am excited about the opportunities that will arise because of the research I have been able to complete. Thank you.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Receiving a scholarship has been a tremendous gift, allowing me to focus on learning and engaging in the school community without financial strain. This support allowed me to participate in extra opportunities such as field schools and volunteer work. Finally, my scholarship allowed me to be here enjoying these great snacks!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Jiraporn Pongpaiboon, economics

The scholarship lightens my parents’ burden. Also, it encourages me to study hard. It tells me that what I have invested is not worthless. Moreover, I am happy that I make people who love me proud.

Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

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Patrick Dwyer, psychology

I am very grateful for the scholarships I have received, as they have allowed me to devote more time to my studies while giving me the opportunity to volunteer in disability-related areas. This year, the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award has allowed me to gain invaluable experience in conducting research.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Christina Price, geography/environmental studies

I am incredibly thankful for the scholarships I have received as they have enabled me to pursue my interests and passions in an academic context.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
President’s Scholarship

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Macayal Yan, psychology

I feel incredibly fortunate to have received these scholarships. Not only have they eased the stress of funding my education and enabled me to focus more on my studies, they've also allowed me more time and energy to learn outside the classroom and give back to my communities.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Hector William Hadland Scholarship

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Emma Kinakin, economics

The UVic Excellence Scholarship has allowed me not only to attend university, but has given me the ability to get the most out of my university experience and enjoy the things that have come to define who I am.

UVic Excellence Scholarship
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My scholarship has allowed me the freedom to partake in field schools, travel, and fully immerse myself in my education without worrying about having to work for financial reasons.
I am honoured to be a recipient of a scholarship to the University of Victoria, as it has enabled me to be a part of such a diverse and innovative community. This opportunity has not only motivated me with my studies, but it has given me the confidence to explore new dimensions of my education, extending beyond the classroom.

President’s Scholarship
Edythe Hembroff-Schleicher Scholarship
Nicole Baker, psychology

Receiving a President’s Scholarship has meant a great deal to me and I am very grateful for this recognition of academic achievement. This award has significantly lightened my financial burdens, which has allowed me to concentrate all my energy on both my studies and volunteer work. Thank you!

President’s Scholarship

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Adam McKenna, economics

My experience entering UVic was one of uncertainty. Though I faced many moments of doubt, it seems to have all worked out so far. The scholarships I was so generously awarded made me feel that I am supported in my endeavours, and my experience looks less uncertain now.

President’s Scholarship
George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship

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Saul Brown, political science

Achieving different UVIC scholarships has meant that, as an Indigenous person from what is now known as the central coast of BC, I am able to continue to travel home and continue to nurture vital relationships that are integral to my academic success.

Norman J. Ruff Scholarship
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Lisa Harris, psychology

My scholarships this year, as well as the UVIC Excellence Scholarship in previous years, have afforded me the enormous privilege of being able to wholeheartedly pursue my academic goals and enter law school in September without debt.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award (JCURA)
Words cannot express my gratitude for all the scholarships the University of Victoria has awarded me throughout my undergraduate education. These scholarships have both encouraged me to excel in my studies and allowed me to graduate without debt, which gives me the financial freedom to start law school this September. Thank you!

Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award (Social Justice Studies)
Nina Moffat, geography

As this is my last semester at UVic, I would like to send a sincere thank you to the university, for the scholarships that have allowed me to complete my undergraduate degree while making memories in places all over the world, and to my family, friends and all the faculty and staff who have supported me along the way.

President’s Scholarship

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I am in my final year of a Psychology degree and was honoured to receive this scholarship from the University. This scholarship has provided me with financial flexibility easing my mind and thus allowed me to focus entirely on my schooling and studies. Furthermore, this scholarship gave me confidence in my ability and its importance to my future.

President’s Scholarship
My appreciation and gratitude goes to those involved in the Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology, as well as the Alexander and Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Scholarship. These awards have not only helped me invest in my hopes of attending graduate school for Speech Language Pathology, but served as a reminder that hard work truly does pay off. Thank you!

Hector William Hadland Scholarship
Alexander and Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Scholarship
Katerina Gribbin, economics

After a couple of rocky years, it means a great deal to me to have been recognized for my achievements with the Dana Kingstone Scholarship in Economics. I would also like to thank UVic and the Department of Economics for the incredible support and education I have received.

Dana Kingstone Scholarship in Economics
Maria Finnsdottir, sociology

I’m very grateful to have received a JCURA. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to study something that I’m passionate about in depth. I’m looking forward to presenting my research and sharing with people what I’ve found at the JCURA Fair in March.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Being awarded the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award was an immensely valuable contribution that has helped me further my education. I am very grateful to have received this award and look forward to showcasing my Honours research at the JCURA Research Fair in March.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Although the effort I’ve put into my academic endeavours has so far proved to be a reward in itself, receiving such generous recognition from the Department of Anthropology has allowed me, with immense gratitude, to continue pursuing my education less hindered by its financial requirements.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
Kevin Tupper, economics

Transferring from business to economics last summer has proved to be the best decision of my life. I have met so many tremendously inspirational and kind professors, and I adore the fact that I can knock on any professor’s door and engage in discussions and learning. I am truly lucky to be a part of the best department at UVic.

President’s Scholarship
Taylor Smith, anthropology

Having the honor of being a JCURA recipient has both allowed me to pursue a research project I otherwise would not have been able to complete, and has helped fund my final year of study.

Receiving the award has financially allowed me to participate in a bioarchaeological field season in Italy, which was a valuable and eye-opening experience for my academic career. Thank you!

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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As a student, it can be difficult to make ends meet, contending with insufficient but steadily accruing student loans, and full-time studies leaving little time for extracurricular work. This scholarship has made my life infinitely easier in that regard, and I’d like to very sincerely thank the donors.

BC Paraplegic Assoc/Rotary Club of Victoria Scholarship
T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal
Nicole Nairismagi, anthropology

As a recipient of the UVic Excellence Award, I have been able to pursue a double major in anthropology and Hispanic studies. Additionally, the scholarship allowed me to participate in an archaeological field school in Greece in 2014, an opportunity which has shaped both my degree and my character.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Kalina Hunter, geography

My scholarship has allowed me to pursue my passion for geography and environmental studies, and has presented me with some incredible opportunities. I was fortunate to take a biodiversity and conservation course on Calvert Island in the Great Bear Rainforest, and will hopefully partake in more field schools.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Lindsay Kathrens, geography/environmental studies

This scholarship, awarded in memory of Stephen Canning, was an honour to receive. I am grateful to have been considered and supported in the commemoration of such an inspiring individual, as I continue to pursue my passions of ecological restoration, food production, environmental stewardship, and adventure.

Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship

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Carina Mutschele, political science

My UVic scholarship has relieved a great deal of financial stress. It has given me the opportunity to, instead of spending my time juggling jobs, invest my time in more meaningful ways through volunteer work and by giving me the opportunity to put more energy into my educational experience.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Rui Chen, economics

Prove my academic ability.

President’s Scholarship
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Assoc. of Victoria
Kirsten Mathison, geography

The funding from the NSERC USRA allowed me to explore my passion for geography on an entirely different level. It brought me into the field to some of the most beautiful places along the coast and taught me the thrill of conducting original research.

NSERC-Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)
I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have received this year as they have provided me with the opportunity to focus on my classes, and research project for the Economics Honours program. I would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped me throughout my academic career.

Dr. Gordon Bertram Memorial Scholarship
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Receiving this award is a great honour, and it inspires me to pursue my academic career goals with even stronger motivation!

Dorothy and Ernest Ayton Memorial Scholarship
Lauren Lalach, political science

In the fall semester of 2015 I travelled to Scotland for a semester abroad to study politics at the University of Stirling. The scholarship I won was put towards tuition and travel costs, and by easing the financial burden of this trip, I was able to fully experience what the University and the country had to offer me.

International Students Award

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Conner Leverett, geography

I am honoured and thankful for the Ross Geography Scholarship. This award allowed me to remain focused on my studies and secure a position in the Spatial Pattern Analysis Research Lab. Receiving recognition for my hard work motivates me to continue furthering my education.

Ross Geography Scholarship

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I'm so grateful for this generous scholarship that has provided me with the confidence to make the challenging, yet extremely rewarding, transition into university. My passion is psychology and I cannot wait to turn my passion into my profession. Thank you for recognizing my potential!

UVic Transfer Scholarship
The NSERC USRA provided me with a unique opportunity to conduct research that may have been otherwise impossible. The unparalleled mentorship I received sculpted my interests and fuelled my passion for learning. I am grateful for this honor, UVic! A special thanks to Dr. Helen Kurki and the Department of Anthropology.

NSERC-Undergraduate Student Research Award
Emilie Longtin, psychology

Receiving the President’s Scholarship has allowed me to pursue research in psychology through the honours program. I have immensely enjoyed my time at UVic and am grateful for receiving this scholarship, making my final year a free one! Thank you.

President’s Scholarship

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Alexander Lam, economics

My scholarships from UVic have opened doors to wonderful educational and career opportunities. Thank you to all the professors and loved ones who continue to excite, challenge, and inspire me every day.

Dr. Leo Bakony Memorial Scholarship
George Hamilton Harman Memorial Scholarship

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I would like to thank the University for this generous scholarship. This award has helped to alleviate my financial strain and allowed me to focus on my academic goals.

Andrew Soles Memorial Scholarship
Colin Scarffe, economics

The Jamie Cassel’s scholarship has allowed me to concentrate on my studies while making it easier to pay for school, and as a result I have survived the first half of my fourth year. It has also given me the confidence to take on more challenging projects in my courses.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Sophia Kopelow, psychology

I would like to say a big thank you to UVic and everyone else who was there to support me during my studies. I really appreciate it. These scholarships have allowed me to pursue my passion for psychology and I’m so grateful to be recognized for working hard.

Alexander and Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Scholarship
Hector William Hadland Scholarship in Psychology

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I’m unbelievably grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has allowed me to pursue—having a clear academic standard to meet has been exactly the type of motivational stress that I thrive under, while the financial support has allowed me to devote the rest of my time to representing UVic through my athletics.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
The T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship has allowed me to focus on academic achievements and living a healthier lifestyle. It has also inspired me to continue my studies with renewed enthusiasm. I can look forward to continuing my undergraduate degree with less financial pressure.

Cassandra Bosma, geography

T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship

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Clara Han, economics

I'm very thankful to all my friends, family, and faculty members who support me, especially my mother and Morgan. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

UVic Transfer Scholarship

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Nalin Dhillon, geography

I am incredibly appreciative of UVic and the generous donors who continually enable students such as myself to experience financial reprieve while pursuing our undergraduate degrees.

Being awarded this scholarship has enabled me to focus on my coursework, while also lending my time to the community in the form of volunteer service via the Rotaract Club of Victoria.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Heather Haukioja, sociology

I am very grateful for the scholarships that I have received as they have allowed me to continue pursuing my passion for learning and have further increased my motivation to achieve academic success.

President’s Scholarship
Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Katerina Perlova, social sciences

My scholarship has been an incredible gift throughout university – it has truly meant the world to me. The financial support gave me the freedom to find and pursue my passion, and strive for academic excellence within that field.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Holly Cecil, anthropology

As a mature student, with my husband also at UVic, I'd like to express appreciation for scholarship support that allows us to both be at school and inspire our 15-year old daughter to never stop learning.

The UVic anthropology department is for us a gateway to fascinating knowledge and experiences.

President’s Scholarship

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Paige Bennett, environmental studies

Through my NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award, I was able to partake in a two-and-half month fieldwork campaign in the Western Arctic with the UVic Arctic Landscape Ecology Lab. This experience, facilitated in part by the NSERC USRA, has increased my interest in pursuing further opportunities to examine the impacts of environmental change on northern socio-ecological systems!

NSERC-Undergraduate Student Research Award
Aaron Cathers, anthropology

I am extremely grateful for the support I have received through my scholarship and want to thank all of the faculty, staff, and students who continue to inspire my learning!

This award has helped me to pursue my goals and I feel incredibly honoured for the recognition. Thank you!

Joyce Underwood Social Sciences Indigenous Student Scholarship
Alwyn Rutherford, psychology

I am lucky to be pursuing my interests in psychology and communication at UVic. I am very grateful for my scholarship, which has helped me remain a full-time student here and focus more deeply on my studies. I feel at home in the UVic community – thank you for supporting me!

President’s Scholarship

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Dayna Fleming, anthropology

Thank you to my donors and to the University of Victoria. The scholarships that I was awarded mean a lot to me and have provided me with more time to focus on my studies. I am very grateful for the opportunity to put more time into my honours research while I am finishing up my final semester. Thank you!

General Undergraduate Scholarship
University of Victoria Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship

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I am honoured to have received a UVic Excellence Scholarship, as it has allowed for me to pursue my education in Sociology, an area of study that I am extremely passionate about. This scholarship has provided me with opportunities that would not have been possible without it, and I am immensely grateful.
Richel Donaldson, political science

I am Tsimshian, English, and Scottish. I grew up in Nanoose Bay and I am now in my fourth year of an Honours in Political Science with a minor in Indigenous studies. With the help of the Walter D. Young award, I was able to fund Talking Circles to do research for my thesis.

National Entrance Scholarship Renewal
Walter D. Young Scholarship