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I am extremely grateful for the scholarships I have received, as they have allowed for me to pursue my passion in the fields of sociology and social justice, and to engage in research that contributes to important areas of society.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Lane Chevrier, psychology

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.

T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship Renewal

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Mike Graeme, environmental studies (major)

Awarded with the opportunity to study abroad in Ecuador, I was able to visit and volunteer at a series of agroforestry systems in both the Andean and Amazonian regions.

Experiencing first-hand these sustainable alternative land-use systems had me jumping with gratitude and gave me the feeling that my foot was inching in the door toward future research projects.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
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Earning my scholarship has given me the opportunity to pursue a future I am truly excited about. UVIC's political science program has offered me many hands-on learning opportunities; my favourite being my Research Methods class where I examined census data in its correlation to voting.

I am currently looking forward to writing my Honors thesis on ethics and democracy. I am proud to be working as a research assistant with Professor Verdun and Valerie D'Erman.
Hugo Wong, political science

I worked with Parks Canada this summer and my coursework in Indigenous politics was invaluable to my job as a government employee where I interacted with local First Nations in a respectful, constructive way.

I am grateful to the Chan family for helping me further my education at UVic.

Leo Chan Memorial Scholarship in Political Science
Dimitri Giannouls, geography

The scholarship was a surprise and honour and it has inspired me to continue pursuing my academic goals.

Co-chairing the Society of Geography Students this year has been more rewarding and enriching than I may have hoped, and I am grateful for the world of opportunities that geography provides.

Maureen McLeod Scholarship in Geography

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Elise Pullar, environmental studies (major)

My scholarship has allowed me to get the most out of my degree! Thank you!

This past summer, I had the opportunity to take my biology and environmental studies knowledge outside the classroom, while on an Arctic Expedition with Students on Ice.

Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship

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Jenica Banks, sociology

Sociology at UVic has positively altered my post-education experience, sparking my interest to pursue various volunteer opportunities in my hometown of Vernon. I am honored and excited to have received a scholarship for the 2016 year, as it has assisted me in pursuing what I am truly passionate about—sociology.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Sometimes we’d step from the helicopter into sedge as high as our armpits. We’d wade through it until we hit a deeply defined Grizzly stomp trail leading us directly to our sampling site...Together with colleagues from the Heiltsuk Nation & UVic, this award made days like these possible. I am grateful.

NSERC- Undergraduate Student Research award (USRA)
Maxwell Nicholson, economics

The UVic excellence scholarship has allowed me to become a student leader: working in sponsorship, running for student leadership, spearheading the conversation of textbook affordability, increasing awareness of mental health resources, working to make student housing more affordable, and becoming a lab instructor were all possible because of this award.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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I am honoured to have received the Rhys Alexander Davis Scholarship.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to study within the School of Environmental Studies, which prioritizes interdisciplinary learning. I hope to continue my studies in sustainable economic development.

Rhys Alexander Davis Scholarship

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I am extremely thankful to receive the President’s Scholarship, as it has provided me the financial freedom to return to school this year. I am excited to be working as a research assistant for an honors student conducting research on the relationship between childhood maltreatment and certain behavioral and psychological outcomes seen in adulthood.
Without my scholarship, attending UVic may have been out of my reach. In addition to pursuing my degree, my studies at UVic have lead me to my passion for clinical psychology and applied behavioural analysis.

I feel lucky to be here and to have the privilege to pursue excellence in an academic achievement.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Kayleigh Erickson, political science

I would like to sincerely thank the Department of Political Science for this generous award. This scholarship allows my continued pursuit of my passion for community service and makes possible the continuation of my education through social justice based advocacy.

Churchill Foundation V.I. Aleck Trawick Scholarship in Political Science
For me, this scholarship has enabled me to engage in a deeper way with both my learning and the UVic community over the past four years. I’ve been able to experience “hands on” learning through my research projects both at Uvic and in India and through working with the organizations VIDEA and PRIA.

I am very grateful, thank you!

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Finn Deschner, political science

My scholarship has enabled me to freely explore my passions both in academia and beyond. It allowed me to get involved with Co-op education and pursue an Honours program this coming year, as well as hands-on research experience both in the classroom and working in Alberta’s far north.

John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship Renewal
2016 Co-op Student of the Year

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Jun Wu, economics

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

President’s Scholarship

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Sarah Lazin, political science

Scholarships of this kind have allowed me to focus not just on my studies, but extracurricular activities as well.

Working as a student journalist, participating in the Model United Nations club, and studying abroad have turned the world around me into a classroom.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Tony Ebbs-Canavan, psychology

The President's Scholarship signifies just how much I have developed as a student and person with respect to my work ethic and focus. My hands-on learning included the study groups I have participated in throughout my semesters at UVic to help myself better understand course concepts.

President’s Scholarship

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Receiving a scholarship meant I could become a geographer in my favourite city. Field studies and lab work in Geomatics and Physical Geography are relevant in almost every aspect of my summer job as a firefighter, and I am excited to apply my geographical knowledge of “where and why” in any future career.
Allegra Wolansky, sociology

This scholarship has helped me to achieve my goal of graduating this spring without any debt or student loans. The most meaningful "hands-on" learning experience I’ve had was conducting sociological research on mental illness for a Qualitative Methods course. I was able to interview participants, analyze data, and produce a final research paper on a social issue that is of great interest and importance to me.

President’s Scholarship
Lydia Toorenburgh, anthropology

This past summer I spent one month in Cuba and one month at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre doing research. This was only possible because of my scholarship which allowed me to put my personal savings toward these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

I am so grateful to have been given this privilege.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal
Lauren Colborne, psychology

Receiving the Hector William Hadland Scholarship in psychology has encouraged me to continue to pursue my academic aspirations. I have gained valuable hands-on experience through application exercises and research experience in many branches of psychology. This scholarship has inspired and allowed me to approach the field from a more holistic perspective.

Hector William Hadland Scholarship
Josh Pentland, political science

Shortly after receiving the Walter D. Young Scholarship, I was presented with the opportunity to work as a Procurement Officer with the Government of Canada through the Co-operative Education Program. The scholarship directly paved the way for a memorable work experience and allowed me to embark on a career in the Public Service.

Many thanks to the Young family and friends for an incredible opportunity.

Walter D. Young Scholarship
I would like to thank everyone involved with the awarding of this generous scholarship. It is an honour and I am extremely grateful for the financial relief that it has provided.

Additionally, I’d like to give a special thanks to the economics department for being so great over the past few years.

President’s Scholarship
Meiqi Xiang, economics

This scholarship is not only a great honor for me, but also means my hard work has paid off. I always believe that a really successful person should be someone who can be outstanding in both academics and real life.

I plan on majoring in business in the future and giving back to my community.

Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarship
I can’t begin to express my gratitude for the John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship. I have had the time to not only focus on schoolwork, but also to volunteer in a research lab and in the community on my road to becoming a mental health professional.
Winning the Roy E.L. Watson Scholarship means that I am able to continue immersing myself in the wonderful world of sociology and prepare for my future high school Social Studies teaching career, where I will teach my students to see the beauty in our world’s shades of grey.
Ninu Forrest, political science

I am so grateful for receiving a UVic Excellence Scholarship. By concentrating on my studies, I have had the chance to pursue extracurricular opportunities for professional development such as participation in the undergraduate Course Union, Model UN and Model EU conferences, as well as Equal Voice's upcoming Daughters of the Vote initiative this March in Ottawa.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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This scholarship has been exponentially helpful for my first year in the Psychology Degree Program at UVic. The financial assistance has enabled me to use my time outside of class to gain practical experience in career-related volunteer positions at the Victoria Cool Aid Society and Women’s Transition House.

UVic Transfer Scholarship

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Brooke Niebergal, geography

I am extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity to become a part of such an engaging learning environment at the university. Participating in lab assignments and field trips has helped solidify the content I have been learning in the classroom. Working in a lab on real world problems has allowed me to see where and how the skills I have learned can be applied.

UVic Transfer Scholarship
The scholarships I have received have allowed me to devote more time to my studies, including research experiences that will help prepare me for graduate school. I am deeply grateful to the university and to donors.

Thank you!

L. and G. Butler Scholarship for the Disabled

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Scholarships are an opportunity to grow, develop, and prove yourself worthy of a trust placed in you. I am honored to be given this opportunity, and hope to prove worthy of it. I try to make the most of every chance I am given, and most recently assisted my professor in gathering data for aboriginal policy research.

President’s Scholarship
I am incredibly grateful for my scholarship. Not only has it shown me that hard work pays off, but it has also taken a great financial burden off my shoulders.

I have been able to focus more on getting research experience by working as a Research Assistant in a few psychology labs here at the University of Victoria.

Columbia Coast Mission Scholarship
Scholarships motivate and help us students continue our academic journeys. This Co-op scholarship is especially meaningful to me since I had the exciting opportunity to work in Ghana last summer, where I realized that completely removing one’s self from familiar surroundings is one of the best ways to learn and grow!

Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Co-op Scholarship
Andres Montiel, psychology

My scholarship has allowed me to pursue my strongest academic interests in a resourceful environment, freed from political instability and violence. Amongst these opportunities, I am working as a research assistant for the Inter-Cultural Family Study Lab, seeking a deeper understanding of the immigrant experience while hoping to contribute with my own.

United World College Scholarship
Melanie Heizer, anthropology

This scholarship gave me the opportunity to start doing original research. I have been able to take my education outside of a classroom and apply it to a project that I am passionate about that benefits my community.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Sasha Goatley, psychology

Receiving this scholarship has meant a great deal to me. The award has enabled me to concentrate all my energy on maintaining a high level of achievement in my studies, volunteer work, and research projects - an opportunity I am most grateful for.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Duncan Whyte, economics

This scholarship has helped lessen the financial burden of my schooling and will help tremendously for continuance of my academic pursuits. Thank you very much.

Outside the classroom, I spent a summer working as a research assistant for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the UVic Co-op program. I got to work with professional economists conducting academic research for scholarly publications.

President’s Scholarship

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Katrina Annett, geography

Receiving this scholarship has meant that I am able to continue with my degree in geography.

I am very grateful for the opportunities it has provided me. Thank you!

Columbia Coast Mission Scholarship
2016 Co-op Student of the Year

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Carmen Pendleton, geography

This scholarship helped me pursue a BSc in Geography & Coastal Studies. My most memorable experience was in Geog 453 (Field Studies in Coastal and Marine Resources) when I learned about the consilience of Indigenous knowledge and science in resource management, and I even saw a grizzly bear!

President’s Scholarship

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This scholarship has given me the opportunity to pursue research while continuing my studies without financial burden. Moreover, as I am not a co-op student, this scholarship has given me a valuable hands-on learning experience that will further my graduate career.

For this I am extremely thankful and appreciative.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Riley Richardson, geography

Receiving an NSERC USRA allowed me to bring the skills I've learnt in the classroom into the real world and apply them to real problems.

Overall it was a fantastic learning experience that pushed me to grow as an individual and an academic.

NSERC-Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)
I am extremely grateful for the scholarship that I have received. It gave me the freedom to discover myself academically, to volunteer in causes that I hold dear, and to get involved in research. It also kept me motivated when my free time became an elusive concept and my caffeine intake was running low. Un grand merci!

President’s Scholarship
Bree Bamford, anthropology

The scholarships that I received this year have helped ease the financial burden of education and for that, I am grateful. This funding allowed me to attend an archaeological field school in Tseshahkt territory that I would otherwise not have been able to afford.

Pett Award in Archaeology
Michael Chin, psychology

This scholarship has enabled me to successfully collect vital data for my honors research project. This past November, with the support of the JCURA award, I attended the Radiology Society of North America (RSNA) conference in Chicago, Illinois, where I was able to study with expert breast radiologists.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award

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Megan Sociedade, geography/environmental studies(major)

Receiving the Ross Geography scholarship has had a huge positive impact on my undergrad experience. In being able to participate in field schools and co-op placements, as well as reducing financial stress, this generous assistance has enabled me to make the most out of my learning at UVic.

Ross Geography Scholarship

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Rob Kroeker, political science

My gratitude to the benefactors of this scholarship, and to all those whose generosity allows students like myself to access and immerse ourselves more fully in all aspects of an academic life. Thank you for your contributions.

Richard J. Powers Memorial Scholarship

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Monica Whitney-Brown, geography

My scholarship has allowed me to make the most of my undergrad, including multiple field school opportunities. Getting to learn outside the classroom has been a real joy.

I feel incredibly privileged to have a scholarship, and it has made me all the more conscious that affordable education should be a right for all students (remember to vote in May!).

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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Myim Bakan Kline, political science

The scholarships I have received over the past two and a half years have directly and unequivocally enabled continued success in my studies. My gratitude for those who have in some way contributed to this support is without end. Thank you.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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It is my highest honour to receive the Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award (JCURA). The award has given me the funding to purchase the scarce and often expensive academic books I need for my Sociology Honours Project. It is an acknowledgment of my hard work, as well as an encouragement for me to pursue graduate studies in the field of sociology.
Alysha Flipse, political science

I am so grateful for the scholarship I received this year. It has helped financially, and I really appreciate the academic recognition – it has been an invaluable addition to my resume as I near graduation and start thinking about my next steps.

Lieutenant-General S.F. Clark, CBE CD Scholarship
I'm appreciative of the opportunities and teachings receiving these scholarships has allowed me to experience. I'm especially grateful to the Indigenous teachers, scholars, classmates, and friends who've taught me over the years. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples whose land I live, work, learn, and play on.

President's Scholarship
I am grateful for the opportunities that the John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship has opened up for me. It’s a gift to be able to deeply focus not only on my studies, but my family, friends, and community as well with minimal financial distractions.

I hope to enrich my academic work this summer with an anthropology co-op or field school.

John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship

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Carolyn Helps, psychology

I am currently completing a research project in the Child Development Lab in the department of psychology. My research focuses on the relationship between storytelling ability and executive functioning abilities (e.g. working memory) in preschool aged children.

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
Andrew Elves, environmental studies

It means a lot to be recognized for doing work that you believe in; especially when that recognition comes from an institution you respect.

Receiving the urbanecology.ca award validates the time and effort I have put into researching the ecological effects of light pollution on migratory song birds.

UrbanEcology.ca Scholarship
Mariah Rickman, psychology

I am immensely grateful for the scholarship I have received. The financial support has allowed me to pursue volunteer experience relevant to my psychology degree, where I am able to put my learning into practice and explore potential career paths in psychology.

UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

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This year I was able to experience "hands-on" learning during a 28 day hydrographic survey aboard the CCGS Vector during a summer job at the Canadian Hydrographic Survey. I conducted tide surveys and processed bathymetric data on board the ship. The financial support has meant that I can devote my time to studying and self-care this year.

Ross Geography Scholarship
I am immensely thankful to Dr. Stephen Lindsay and NSERC for the opportunity to work in a lab environment and be given hands on tasks ranging from material preparation to running participants through psychology studies. It has been a wonderful learning experience.

NSERC-Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)
I am extremely grateful for this award and recognition.

Since excelling with the classroom material I have found greater interest in participating in ground level politics. Protests, marches, and political gatherings connect fluidly with the theory taught by my professors.

Robert Lorne Stanfield Book Prize in Political Science

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Taylor Matson, psychology

This scholarship meant that I could forgo working and get involved with more volunteer organizations instead, through which I have gained skills relevant to my future career.

The most memorable learning experience that I have had during my degree was the opportunity to touch human brains in a biology class.

President's Scholarship

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Alexander Morgenthaler, geography

It was a great honour to receive this award. It has provided a positive motivational pillar in the furtherance of my academic career at the University of Victoria and I would like to thank the Canadian Air Force Association for this award. I would also like to thank everyone in the faculty of geography and history for their support throughout my academic and co-operative endeavours. Thank you!

Canadian Air Force Officers Association Award

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