Award Types

Bursaries
The University of Victoria awards over 4 million dollars in Entrance, Transfer, and In-Course Bursaries each year. Bursaries are non-repayable awards based on financial need and reasonable academic achievement. These awards are for students who are receiving the maximum student loans available for their period of study and are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.

Scholarships, Medals and Prizes
In recognition of outstanding students, UVic awards more than 6 million dollars in Entrance and In-Course Scholarships each year. Scholarships are non-repayable and are awarded to students on the basis of academic merit or excellence.

Fellowships
Fellowships are merit-based awards granted to outstanding students enrolled in graduate studies. These awards enable students to concentrate on their specialty, pursue their research, and maintain a high academic standing.

New Awards April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

A Planned Gift, but ahead of schedule
Bob Peart has been working to protect the environment as long as he can remember. It’s no surprise then that he chose to create a legacy that would carry on the work to which he dedicated his life. “For some years, I’d been thinking about creating a scholarship,” Bob says. “My wife Mary and I were talking about putting that in our will, and then we thought, ‘Why would we do that after the fact? Why wouldn’t we do it now and enjoy the opportunity to meet the students and see the research we’re helping to create?’” Though his gift is an investment in the future, Bob decided to create it today so he could witness it “putting down roots.”

Currently the Executive Director of the Sierra Club of BC, Bob has dedicated his life to protecting natural spaces and ensuring all of us, especially young people, have access to them. The founding chair of the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada, Bob decided to create a legacy that would carry on his strong connections to wildlife and natural places that inspired him. Bob set up his scholarship to provide support and incentive to students conducting field research in Parks and Protected Areas, especially those who are engaging young people with nature.

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personal stories of past field experiences and lamented that there are fewer opportunities these days for students to get out of the lab and into the field.

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