TIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Application deadline: May 1
Please contact Rosemary Barlow (poliao@uvic.ca) or Dr. Marlea Clarke (mjclarke@uvic.ca) for information on any of these scholarships.

1. WALTER D. YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP
A scholarship is awarded to a student in an honours or major program offered by the Department of Political Science. To be eligible, students must have completed between 37.5 and 51 units (inclusive) of coursework towards their degree, and at least 6 units of upper-level coursework in Political Science. The recipient will be selected by a committee after consideration of the following criteria: overall post-secondary academic performance; grades in Canadian politics courses, particularly the grades in Political Science 101 or their equivalents; and other activities undertaken at the University and in the wider community.

2. LEO CHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One or more scholarships are awarded to academically outstanding undergraduate students who intend to do a Major or Honours program in Political Science. Preference will be given to students who have an interest in Canadian Politics and who can demonstrate leadership and/or community involvement. Selection of the recipient(s) will be made by the Senate Committee on Awards upon the recommendation of the Department of Political Science.

3. JAMES WATTIE MEMORIAL ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
A scholarship is awarded to an academically outstanding 3rd or 4th year student in a Major or Honours program in the Department of Political Science who has written the best essay for a course in the previous academic year on International Relations Theory.

JAMIE CASSELS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD (JCURA)

Application deadline: May 15
Information: http://www.uvic.ca/learningandteaching/students/scholarships/jcura/
The Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award (JCURA) was started in 2009-10 as the Undergraduate Research Scholarship program by the Vice-President Academic and Provost. It supports exceptional undergraduate students who might otherwise not be able to obtain a direct research experience. Undergraduate students with a GPA of 7.0 or above who are registered in 3rd and 4th year eligible for this award. Full-time status normally means registration in 12 or more units of study in the Winter Session. Priority is given to students in the Honour’s Program and / or to students whose projects is linked to a faculty member’s research project. Award winners complete a research project under the mentorship of a faculty supervisor. Each successful student receives a $1,500 credit in his/her UVic account.

CO-OP PROGRAM

Application deadline: September 15 and January 15
Office: DTB A204
Contact: sscoop@uvic.ca
To qualify for acceptance into the Social Sciences Co-op Program as a political science student, you must be a full-time student intending to declare a major in political science, who has a 5.0 GPA overall and a 5.0 GPA in political
You can apply for co-op in your second year or no later than the first term of your third year. You must also take Political Science 351 and achieve a B or better before your second co-op term. Pick up an application form from the Social Sciences Co-op office (DTB A102) or on the Social Sciences website http://www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/co-op/info-by-program/other-programs/acc-social-sciences--anthropology-eco/.

UNDERGRADS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
Contact: ups@uvic.ca
The Undergraduates of Political Science (UPS) is a student-run organization operating year round. The UPS engages in a number of events including games nights, mixers, pub crawls, Career Night, course planning and career workshops, debates and discussions. The UPS acts as a liaison between students and professors and promotes the department informally on campus. The organization works with the department and the UVic Students' Society to make your experience at UVic memorable. Involvement in the UPS is a great way for undergraduate students to develop their skills outside the classroom, engage with their campus and local community, and form lifelong friendships. Executive members are elected in April and September at the AGM and SAGM. General membership is open to all students taking at least one Political Science course throughout the year. Find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/UVicUPS/, Twitter, or Instagram.

MODEL UN
Contact: unclub@uvic.ca
Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations. The purpose is to educate students about the international community and how the Member States of the world interact. In MUN, students take on the role of a diplomat, and are expected to represent their nation’s foreign policy on a variety of international issues. During the simulations, students research and promote their nations foreign policy in an effort to reach consensus on resolutions. The University of Victoria Model UN Club has been operating since 2001 and was started by a group of students who were interested in learning more about the international community. Some of the conferences that MUN has participated in include UBCMUN (Vancouver), NWMUN (Seattle) and NMUN (New York). The UVic Model UN club is an entirely student run organization. The club meets weekly to discuss current issues as well as the various organs of the UN. They host VICMUN, an annual conference for high school students. MUN is open to all students in any program, and new members are welcome!

BC LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Faculty contact: Dr. Jamie Lawson (lawsonj@uvic.ca)
The British Columbia Legislative Internship Program was established in January 1976, patterned after the Parliamentary Internship Program introduced in the Canadian House of Commons in 1969. The program continues to be advised by UBC, SFU, UVic and UNBC. The program is open to BC residents who have a recent Bachelor’s Degree from a Canadian University.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES
https://www.uvic.ca/international/outbound-students/exchange/index.php
Participate in the UVic International Student Services Exchange Program and complete courses that count toward your degree at one of UVic’s many partner universities. Develop your language skills, gain international perspectives and add to your resume. International Students Services holds info sessions throughout the term or talk to an advisor for more info.