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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on Awards

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Subject: 2025/2026 Annual Report

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Awards define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Annually in October, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Awards met 12 times from July 2025 to June 2026:

July 9, 2025	August 14, 2025	September 10, 2025	October 16, 2025
November 12, 2025	December 1, 2025	January 15, 2026	February 12, 2026
March 11, 2026	April 15, 2026	May 15, 2026	June 10, 2026

During that year the Senate Committee on Awards approved **86** (48) new awards and **290** (96) revised awards for undergraduate and graduate students.

In the May 2025 to April 2026 academic year there were **5,689** (4,616) scholarships and awards given to **4,038** (3,841) undergraduate students, with a total value of **$15,429,827.03** ($14,191,645.70).

NOTE: Previous year's (2024/2025) figures are shown in brackets. Scholarships included in this report were adjudicated on the basis of academic performance in 2024-2025.

This report reflects the total number and values of scholarships and awards received by undergraduate students in 2025/2026.

To ensure the financial sustainability of the entrance scholarships program, automatic renewable entrance scholarships were eliminated at the end of the 2021/2022 academic year and have not been reinstated. As a result, the cost of scholarship renewals has declined year by year with the majority of 2021/22 renewable scholarship recipients graduated by 2025. As each cohort of renewable scholarship recipients completed their programs of study, the available scholarship budget has been used to increase the values of non-renewable scholarships. The impact of these improvements has been reflected in this report.

Entrance Scholarship Appeals considered

In 2025/2026 there were 37 entrance scholarship appeals considered by the Senate Committee on Awards, of which 24 were approved and 13 not approved.

Of the entrance scholarship appeals received, 1 student was appealing to retain an offer of a renewable scholarship and 36 were appealing to retain a non-renewable scholarship offer.

The 1 renewable scholarship appellant was requesting approval to retain a scholarship offer despite not meeting the admission average required to qualify.

Of the non-renewable scholarship appellants, 21 were appealing an admission or transfer average requirement, 10 were requesting approval to retain their scholarship while registered at a reduced course load or due to program registration requirements, 2 were requesting approval following a temporary interruption in studies related to immigration circumstances, 2 were appealing a change in eligibility status related to CUAET and 1 was requesting reinstatement of an entrance scholarship after not attending in the original entry term.

In-Course Scholarship Appeals considered

In 2025/2026 there were 17 in-course scholarship appeals considered by the Senate Committee on Awards, of which 13 were approved and 4 not approved.

Of the in-course scholarship appellants, 8 were requesting approval to retain a renewable scholarship and 9 were appealing to retain a non-renewable scholarship.

With regards to the renewable scholarship appeals, 4 students who did not meet the minimum GPA requirement were requesting approval to retain their scholarship, 3 did not meet the minimum graded-unit requirement and 1 did not meet either the minimum GPA or graded-unit requirement.

Of the non-renewable scholarship appeals, 7 students were requesting approval to retain scholarship funding despite not meeting the minimum registration/course-load requirement and 2 were requesting a deferral of their scholarship.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Student Awards and Financial Aid made offers of entrance scholarships and awards to academically outstanding students from Canadian secondary schools, international secondary schools and Canadian colleges and universities. In 2025/26 UVic awarded **2,332** (2,156) entrance scholarships and awards (non-renewable) to **1,807** (1,595) students with a value of **$8,154,062.31** ($5,841,274.05). In addition, **33** (43) students received donor funded renewable scholarships for a total value of **$258,000** ($340,000). The total of all entrance scholarships and awards from base budget, donor funded and endowed sources was **$8,412,062.31** ($6,181,274.05). See Appendix A for a comparison of Renewable Entrance Scholarships awarded in 2025 and 2024.

IN-COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS

UVic awarded **3,194** (2,052) non-renewable in-course scholarships and awards to **2,068** (1,838) students with a value of **$6,062,126.09** ($5,602,850.53). In addition, **130*** (365*) students received a renewal of their renewable scholarships for a total value of **$955,638.63** ($2,407,521.12). The total value of all in-course scholarships and awards was **$7,017,764.72** ($8,010,371.65).

*Total number of scholarship renewal recipients differs from above as one student had their Langford-Seaborne Award for Indigenous Students in Social Sciences renewed in May 2025 and then again in January 2026. Another student had their T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship renewed in May 2025 and then again in January 2026.

Appendix C shows the total in-course funds awarded by scholarship and award category, GPA range for the recipients of the President's Scholarship and the number of scholarships and awards per faculty or program. The budget for the President's Scholarship is proportionally allocated by the number of students in each faculty or program in relation to the total student population.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori Hunter, Director, Student Awards and Financial Aid
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APPENDIX A: Entrance Renewable Scholarships

Title	2025	2024	Value	Total 2025	Total 2024
Aga Khan Academy Scholarship	**1**	1	$ 22,500	**$ 22,500**	$ 22,500
Ailsa & Roger Bishop Entrance Scholarship in Theatre	**1**	2	$ 5,000	**$ 5,000**	$ 10,000
Arscott Family Fund Scholarship	**1**	1	$ 7,500	**$ 7,500**	$ 7,500
David H. Turpin National Entrance Scholarship	**1**	1	$ 5,000	**$ 5,000**	$ 5,000
David Strong Entrance Scholarship	**1**	1	$ 5,000	**$ 5,000**	$ 5,000
Elsa Eleonora Fagerberg & Clara Maria Fagerberg Entrance Scholarship	**1**	2	$ 5,000	**$ 5,000**	$ 10,000
Fairfax Financial Ltd. Award	**1**	1	$ 6,000	**$ 6,000**	$ 6,000
Jim Ounsworth Undergraduate Award for Indigenous Students	**0**	6	$ 10,000	**$ -**	$ 60,000
Jim Ounsworth Undergraduate Award for Part-time Indigenous Students	**0**	1	$ 5,000	**$ -**	$ 5,000
John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship	**4**	3	$ 6,000	**$ 24,000**	$ 18,000
Joyce Family Foundation Award for Indigenous Students	**2**	1	$ 8,000	**$ 16,000**	$ 8,000
Leeder Family Memorial Award in Economics	**0**	0	$ 3,868	**$ -**	$ -
Leeder Family Memorial Award in Mathematics	**0**	0	Varies	**$ -**	$ -
Loran Scholarship	**0**	0	Varies	**$ -**	$ -
Marilyn (Leslie) Kan and John YH Kan Award for Indigenous Students	**0**	1	$ 4,000	**$ -**	$ 4,000
Maurice William Summerhayes Memorial Scholarship	**5**	4	$ 10,000	**$ 50,000**	$ 40,000
National Entrance Scholarship	**3**	3	$ 5,000	**$ 15,000**	$ 15,000
Richard Gilhooley and Karen Ockelton Scholarship	**0**	0	$ -	**$ -**	$ -
Robert and Ellen Pearce Scholarship	**2**	2	$ 5,000	**$ 10,000**	$ 10,000
Schulich Leader Scholarship (Engineering)	**1**	1	$ 30,000	**$ 30,000**	$ 30,000
Schulich Leader Scholarship (Science)	**1**	1	$ 25,000	**$ 25,000**	$ 25,000
Seaborne-Langford Scholarship in Engineering	**2**	0	$ 1,000	**$ 2,000**	$ -
T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship	**6**	5	$ 5,000	**$ 30,000**	$ 25,000
UVic Excellence Scholarship ($5,000)	**0**	1	$ 5,000	**$ -**	$ 5,000
UVic Excellence Scholarship ($6,000)	**0**	0	$ 6,000	**$ -**	$ -
UVic Excellence Scholarship ($7,000)	**0**	2	$ 7,000	**$ -**	$ 14,000
Vikes International Athlete Award	**0**	0	$ 10,000	**$ -**	$ -
Wilson S.C. Lai Scholarship	**0**	3	$ 5,000	**$ -**	$ 15,000
TOTALS	**33**	43		**$ 258,000**	$ 340,000

APPENDIX B: In-course Renewable Scholarships

Title	2025	2024	Value	Total 2025	Total 2024
Aga Khan Academy Scholarship	**2**	3	$ 22,500.00	**$ 45,000.00**	$ 67,500.00
Aga Khan Academy Scholarship (awarded on appeal 50/50)	**1**	0	$ 11,250.00	**$ 11,250.00**	$ -
Agamemnon Kasapi and Family Scholarship	**1**	1	varies	**$ 29,370.00**	$ 28,684.50
Ailsa & Roger Bishop Entrance Scholarship in Theatre	**1**	1	$ 4,000.00	**$ 4,000.00**	$ 4,000.00
Ailsa & Roger Bishop Entrance Scholarship in Theatre	**2**	0	$ 5,000.00	**$ 10,000.00**	$ -
Alan Steven John Award in Visual Arts	**3**	3	$ 12,000.00	**$ 36,000.00**	$ 27,000.00
Arscott Family Fund Scholarship	**1**	0	$ 7,500.00	**$ 7,500.00**	$ -
Blakes Scholars Award	**2**	2	$ 5,000.00	**$ 10,000.00**	$ 10,000.00
Bob Worth Award in Economics	**2**	2	$ 2,500.00	**$ 5,000.00**	$ 5,000.00
David H. Turpin National Entrance Scholarship	**2**	2	$ 5,000.00	**$ 10,000.00**	$ 10,000.00
David Strong Entrance Scholarship	**1**	1	$ 5,000.00	**$ 5,000.00**	$ 5,000.00
Elsa Eleonora Fagerberg & Clara Maria Fagerberg Scholarship	**3**	0	$ 5,000.00	**$ 15,000.00**	$ -
Fairfax Financial Ltd. Award	**2**	1	$ 6,000.00	**$ 12,000.00**	$ 6,000.00
Heather Cragg Memorial Scholarship	**1**	0	varies	**$ 4,790.00**	$ -
Jim Ounsworth Undergraduate Award for Indigenous Students	**6**	0	$ 10,000.00	**$ 60,000.00**	$ -
Jim Ounsworth Undergraduate Award for Indigenous Part-time Students	**1**	0	$ 5,000.00	**$ 5,000.00**	$ -
John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship	**2**	2	$ 5,000.00	**$ 10,000.00**	$ 10,000.00
John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship	**5**	7	$ 6,000.00	**$ 30,000.00**	$ 42,000.00
Joyce Family Foundation Award for Indigenous Students	**1**	0	$ 8,000.00	**$ 8,000.00**	$ -
Langford-Seaborne Award for Indigenous Students in Humanities	**1**	0	$ 1,120.00	**$ 1,120.00**	$ 1,120.00
Langford-Seaborne Award for Indigenous Students in Social Sciences	**1**	1	$ 1,000.00	**$ 1,000.00**	$ 1,120.00
Langford-Seaborne Award for Indigenous Students in Social Sciences	**1**	0	$ 1,000.00	**$ 1,000.00**	$ -
Langford-Seaborne Award for Indigenous Students in Social Sciences	**2**	0	$ 1,120.00	**$ 2,240.00**	$ -
Marilyn (Leslie) Kan and John YH Kan Award for Indigenous Students	**1**	0	$ 4,000.00	**$ 4,000.00**	$ -
Leeder Family Memorial Award in Economics	**0**	2	varies	**$ -**	$ 7,226.88
Leeder Family Memorial Award in Mathematics	**2**	3	varies	**$ 6,459.59**	$ 11,783.45
Mastercard Award in Cyber Security	**0**	3	varies	**$ -**	$ 15,000.00
Maurice William Summerhayes Scholarship	**11**	10	$ 10,000.00	**$ 110,000.00**	$ 100,000.00
National Entrance Scholarship	**13**	13	$ 5,000.00	**$ 65,000.00**	$ 65,000.00
Ray and Naomi Simpson	**4**	4	$ 3,000.00	**$ 12,000.00**	$ 12,000.00
Richard Gilhooley and Karen Ockelton Scholarship	**1**	1	$ 7,060.00	**$ 7,060.00**	$ 6,000.00
Robert & Ellen Pearce Scholarship	**5**	5	$ 5,000.00	**$ 25,000.00**	$ 25,000.00
Schulich Leader Scholarship (Engineering)	**1**	1	$ 25,000.00	**$ 25,000.00**	$ 25,000.00
Schulich Leader Scholarship (Engineering)	**2**	1	$ 30,000.00	**$ 60,000.00**	$ 30,000.00
Schulich Leader Scholarship (Science)	**1**	2	$ 20,000.00	**$ 20,000.00**	$ 40,000.00
Schulich Leader Scholarship (Science)	**2**	1	$ 25,000.00	**$ 50,000.00**	$ 25,000.00
Scotiabank Scholarship for Law Students	**1**	1	$ 10,000.00	**$ 10,000.00**	$ 10,000.00
Seaborne Langford Scholarship in Engineering	**1**	1	$ 1,000.00	**$ 1,000.00**	$ 1,000.00
T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship	**1**	0	$ 1,849.04	**$ 1,849.04**	$ -
T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship	**13**	11	$ 5,000.00	**$ 65,000.00**	$ 55,000.00
T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship	**5**	10	$ 6,000.00	**$ 30,000.00**	$ 60,000.00
Walker Wood Foundation Scholarship in Social Sciences	**1**	1	$ 4,000.00	**$ 4,000.00**	$ 4,000.00
Wilson S.C. Lai Scholarship	**5**	7	$ 5,000.00	**$ 25,000.00**	$ 35,000.00
UVic Excellence Scholarship $5,000	**2**	1	$ 5,000.00	**$ 10,000.00**	$ 5,000.00
UVic Excellence Scholarship $6,000 ($3,000 awarded on appeal)	**0**	3	$ 3,000.00	**$ -**	$ 9,000.00
UVic Excellence Scholarship $6,000 (Graduated while in fewer than 12 units)	**0**	2	varies	**$ -**	$ 7,767.50
UVic Excellence Scholarship $6,000	**11**	147	$ 6,000.00	**$ 66,000.00**	$ 882,000.00
UVic Excellence Scholarship $7,000 (Graduated while in fewer than 12 units)	**0**	3	varies	**$ -**	$ 10,318.79
UVic Excellence Scholarship $7,000	**5**	107	$ 7,000.00	**$ 35,000.00**	$ 749,000.00
TOTALS	**132**	366		**$ 955,638.63**	$ 2,407,521.12

APPENDIX C: In-course Scholarships and Awards by Faculty

	PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP			SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS		OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS		
	AMOUNT	GPA RANGE	QTY	AMOUNT	QTY	AMOUNT	QTY	TOTALS
SOCIAL SCIENCES	$ 104,288.38	8.70-9.00	32	$ 153,425.55	28	$ 882,913.26	553	**$ 1,140,627.19**
SCIENCE	$ 104,439.19	8.79-9.00	36	$ 228,803.08	27	$ 722,840.97	435	**$ 1,056,083.24**
HUMANITIES	$ 72,623.12	8.13-8.86	22	$ 59,120.00	11	$ 499,207.35	324	**$ 630,950.47**
ENGINEERING	$ 74,880.70	8.66-9.00	33	$ 296,790	35	$ 834,060.81	303	**$ 1,205,731.51**
HEALTH	$ 49,453.90	8.13-9.00	28	$ 52,000	9	$ 552,724.77	354	**$ 654,178.67**
EDUCATION	$ 41,348.64	8.25-9.00	12	$ 25,000	4	$ 189,691.72	123	**$ 256,040.36**
FINE ARTS	$ 24,755.75	8.00-9.00	18	$ 88,000	12	$ 530,678.51	336	**$ 643,434.26**
BUSINESS	$ 89,482.00	8.44-8.60	33	$ 32,500.00	3	$ 452,943.04	279	**$ 574,925.04**
LAW	$ 14,000.00	7.32-7.71	6	$ 20,000.00	3	$ 821,793.98	267	**$ 855,793.98**
TOTALS	**$ 575,271.68**		**220**	**$ 955,638.63**	**132**	**$ 5,486,854.41**	**2,974**	$ 7,017,764.72