

Sophie Pavlik is a first-year student studying in the Faculty of Science at the University of Victoria. Sophie was born and raised in Ontario and is thrilled to be in Victoria experiencing the fresh air, ocean, and friendly people. Sophie believes in balancing academics with extracurricular activities. She ski-raced on her high school team, acted as a production assistant for a local historical theater company, and was President of her school's Debate team. Sophie was also awarded the Excellence in Education award in her grade 12 year, the school board's highest honour for students committed to the values of learning and education.

In 2022, Sophie was awarded the Schulich Leader award, valued at \$80,000 over four years, for her academic and extracurricular activities. The scholarship is awarded to a student who shows academic excellence, leadership, and charisma.

Sophie is passionate about students' issues and would like to represent all students at UVic, especially students in the Faculty of Science. She is willing to listen to what other students have to say and use that information to help the Senate make informed decisions that will have a positive effect on the student body. Sophie chose the University of Victoria, in part, because of its commitment to accessibility and diversity in all aspects of student life. She sees her role on the Senate as ensuring that this commitment is upheld and strengthened. Sophie becoming a student representative on the Senate will help all students' voices be heard.