

News release

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16 Post-Secondary Students Receive Premier's International Scholarships for Study Abroad

Victoria, BC— Sixteen BC students have been awarded between \$6,000 and \$10,000 each in Premier's International Scholarships by the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society for study abroad programs.

The students are enrolled in overseas programs in eleven different countries and will be studying a wide variety of subjects ranging from kinesiology to criminal justice (see below for list of recipients).

"Studying abroad offers students the opportunity to gain a unique perspective by immersing themselves in another culture," said Premier Christy Clark. "My best wishes to the 16 BC students as they continue to pursue their academic careers beyond our borders – and the opportunities that await them when they graduate."

Hugh Gordon, chair of the Society, commented on the global citizenry that the recipient students demonstrate. *"The Society is pleased to award scholarships to these 16 students who will broaden their education and personal experiences through a period of study in a different country. Their interest indicates that this generation of young British Columbians see themselves as global citizens with an obligation to know and understand the world beyond our borders."*

Premier's Scholarships are funded from the returns on a \$17 million endowment fund established by the Province of BC for international education. The Scholarships are part of the One World international scholarship program offered by the Society.

The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society has awarded over \$2.5 million in international scholarships since 2008 when the program began. In addition to the Premier's Scholarships, One World Scholarships of \$1,000 to \$3,500 are available throughout the year for students attending BC public post-secondary institutions. To learn more about how to apply for a scholarship, visit:

<http://www.ikbbc.ca/web/international>

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Background: The [Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society](#), whose programs are administered by the [Victoria Foundation](#), delivers a series of scholarship and award programs that support BC students attending public post-secondary institutions both throughout the province and outside the country. Since its inception, the Society has awarded more than \$9 million to over 4,000 students in BC.



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2015 Premier's International Scholarship Recipients

Student Name	Home Institution	Hometown	Destination Country	Program of Study
Barnard, Meaghan	Okanagan College	Kelowna	Australia	Business Administration
Bewley, Paige	Thompson Rivers University	Vernon	Norway	Nursing
Clinton, Mary	Simon Fraser University	Burnaby	United Kingdom	Sciences
Fryer, Tessa	Simon Fraser University	Victoria	Australia	Archaeology/First Nations
Gibbs, Sara	University of Victoria	Victoria	The Netherlands	Kinesiology
Goodjohn, Martin	Okanagan College	Lake Country	Spain	Bachelor of Business
Joseph, Taylor	University of Victoria	Quesnel	Zambia	Earth and Ocean Sciences
Kuckein, Cheyenne	Capilano University	North Vancouver	France	Business Administration
Milanzi, Cherine	University of the Fraser Valley	Maple Ridge	Australia	Criminal Justice
Parker, James	University of Victoria	North Vancouver	England	Law
Rajapakshe, Shanika	University of British Columbia - Okanagan	Kelowna	Singapore	Science
Riddell-Meyer, Jennifer	Okanagan College	Kelowna	France	Business Administration
Savidant, Jonathan	University of Victoria	Victoria	Germany	Business Administration
Sharafaldin, Shahin	Emily Carr University	Vancouver	England	Fine Arts
Sparkes, Robin	Emily Carr University	Calgary	Sweden	Fine Arts
Spencer, Charles	University of the Fraser Valley	Cranbrook	Austria	Business Administration