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28 Post-Secondary Students Receive Premier’s Scholarships for Study Abroad

Victoria, B.C., July 26, 2016 – 28 B.C. 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.

The students are enrolled in overseas programs in 19 different countries and will be studying a wide variety of subjects ranging from music, anthropology, and political studies, to ecology, nursing, and fine arts (see below for list of recipients).

Premier’s International Scholarships are funded from the returns on a \$15 million endowment fund established by the Province of B.C. for international education. The scholarships are part of the One World International Scholarship Program managed by the Society.

“Studying abroad provides students with opportunities to gain experiences that will enrich their lives and build international connections for a lifetime,” said Premier Christy Clark. “My best wishes to B.C.’s scholarship recipients as they continue their academic journey.”

“More now, than ever, understanding and building ties with the world beyond our borders is essential to the success, prosperity, and well-being of all British Columbians,” notes Rajiv Gandhi, chair of the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society “The Society is very pleased to play a role in facilitating that opportunity for each of these very deserving recipients.”

The Society has awarded just over \$3.1 million in international scholarships since 2008, when the program began. Premier’s Scholarships are awarded once each year. In addition, the Society’s One World International Scholarships are available throughout the year through BC public post-secondary institutions. To learn more about how to apply for a scholarship, visit: www.ikbbc.ca/web/international

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Background: The [Irving K. Barber B.C. Scholarship Society](http://www.ikbbc.ca) works with the [Victoria Foundation](http://www.victoriafoundation.ca) to manage a series of scholarship and education award programs that support B.C. students attending public post-secondary institutions both throughout the province and outside the country. Since 2006, the society has awarded more than \$11 million in scholarships and awards.



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2016 Premier's International Scholarship Recipients				
Student Name	Home Institution	Hometown	Destination Country	Program of Study
Abasolo, Nicholas	Simon Fraser University	Port Moody	Taiwan	International Studies
Breckles, Taylor	University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford	Poland	Arts
Dudley, Brooke	University of British Columbia	Kelowna	England	Psychology
Fell, Eric	Simon Fraser University	Port Coquitlam	Germany	Chemistry
Funk, Kayla	University of British Columbia	Courtenay	The Netherlands & Australia	Global Resources
Govier, Stephanie	Vancouver Island University	Courtenay	Belize	Natural Resources
Graeme, Michael	University of Victoria	Nelson	Ecuador	Anthropology
Hill, Jessica	Kwantlen Polytechnic	Vancouver	Cuba	Agriculture
Kempf, Madeline	Okanagan College	Kelowna	Mexico	Marketing
Klassen, Jesse	University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford	Poland	Fine Arts
Koehn, Katrina	Simon Fraser University	Burnaby	Thailand	Science
Lazin, Sarah	University of Victoria	Victoria	Ecuador	Political Science
Lingbaoan, Jennifer	Kwantlen Polytechnic	Vancouver	Philippines	Psychology & Counselling
Losinskaya, Elena	Langara College	Vancouver	Japan	Arts
Lum, Cassandra	Okanagan College	Penticton	France	Accounting
Marlyn, Allison	University of British Columbia	White Rock	United Kingdom	Arts
Metcalfe, Rosalie	Simon Fraser University	Nelson	Mexico	International Studies
O'Shea, Cassandra-Mae	University of the Fraser Valley	Mission	Mexico	Arts
Peters, Nicole	University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford	France	Arts
Rodrigues, Maria	Douglas College	Delta	Zambia	Nursing
Rutherford, Erin	Simon Fraser University	Vancouver	Belize	Ecological Restoration
Shackell, Anthony	University of Victoria	North Vancouver	Ghana	Music & Computer Science
Spence, Nicole	University of Victoria	New Westminster	Switzerland	Public Health Policy
Stark, Alexander	Kwantlen Polytechnic	New Westminster	Cuba	Agriculture
Steegstra, Abeni	University of the Fraser Valley	Chilliwack	Mexico	Global Development
Vrbaski, Sofija	University of Victoria	Victoria	Serbia	Dispute Resolution
Wallace, Breanna	Douglas College	Burnaby	Spain	Arts
Zhou, Jin Sheng	UBC - Okanagan	Burnaby	Singapore	Science