

# News release

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## **B.C. students awarded opportunity to learn from the world**

**VICTORIA**— A record 50 B.C. students have been awarded *Premier's International Scholarships* for study in more than 20 different countries and regions, supporting them to achieve their education goals and benefit B.C. communities with their global knowledge and experiences.

The students are enrolled in overseas programs studying a wide variety of subjects ranging from Business Administration to Molecular Biology.

*"These scholarships support British Columbia students to gain access to learning opportunities and to the world," said Premier John Horgan. "We all benefit from the diverse knowledge and cultural experiences these students will bring back to enrich B.C.'s post-secondary institutions, workplaces and communities."*

The Premier's Scholarships are valued at between \$6,000 and \$10,000 and are administered by the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society.

Premier's Scholarships are funded from the returns on a \$17-million endowment fund established by the Province of B.C. for international education. They are awarded to students demonstrating exceptional academic achievement, and an understanding of how global literacy impacts our society. The scholarships are part of the larger One World international scholarship program offered by the Society.

*"Premier's International Scholarships provide students with opportunities to broaden their horizons through overseas study programs. Upon return to BC, students find that their expanded perspectives positively impact their work and study decisions and experiences."* said the Society's Chair, Shirley Kamerling Roberts.

The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society has awarded over \$5.7 million in international scholarships since 2008 when the program began.

*"The Premier's Scholarship will allow me to better understand globalization and how I can work towards higher intercultural competence as I study abroad at Universidad de La Sabana in Colombia"* noted Scholarship recipient Sultan Singh Sandur, who is completing his Master of Education degree at Thompson Rivers University.

In addition to the Premier's Scholarships, One World Scholarships of \$1,000 to \$3,500 are available throughout the year for students attending B.C. public post-secondary institutions to support their participation in study abroad programs. To learn more about how to apply for a scholarship, visit: <https://www.ikbbc.ca/international-scholarships/about-this-scholarship/>

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**Background:** The [Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society is administered by the Victoria Foundation](#). The society delivers a series of scholarship and award programs that support B.C. post-secondary students to achieve their educational goals. Programs include awards for students transferring between B.C. public post-secondary institutions, Indigenous students, women in tech and students undertaking study or work opportunities abroad. Since its inception, the Society has awarded more than \$20 million to over 6,000 students in B.C.

## 2019 Premier's International Scholarship Recipients

Student's Name	Institution	Hometown	Destination Country	Program of Study
Caleigh Aalders	University of Victoria	Victoria	Belgium	Philosophy and Social Sciences
Rebecca Anderson	University of BC Okanagan	Calgary	Netherlands	Psychology
Katrina Annett	University of Victoria	Quathiaski Cove	New Zealand	Law
Emma Borhi	University of BC	Nelson	France	International Economics
Olivia Brocklehurst	University of BC	Vancouver	England	Arts & Humanities
Delon Chan	University of BC	Vancouver	England	Biomedical Sciences
Grace Chen	University of BC	Coquitlam	France	French and European Studies
Melanie Costa	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	White Rock	England	Fine Arts
Milo Coulthard	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	North Vancouver	Denmark	Fashion Design
Siobhan Finan	University of BC	Vancouver	Norway	Social Sciences
Allison Gacad	University of BC	Scarborough	Philippines	Agriculture & Plant Biology
Kristos Grames	University of BC	Halfmoon Bay	Australia	Arts
Micah Hall	University of BC	Vancouver	Spain	Exchange Global Health
Lana Harach	University of the Fraser Valley	Qualicum Beach	Netherlands	Agriculture
Alex Harte	Vancouver Island University	Nanaimo	Vietnam	Geography Internship
Emily Haugen	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	Langley	Austria	Business Administration/ Marketing Management
Mira Hayre	University of BC	Surrey	China	Commerce
Cole Hickson	Thompson Rivers University	Kamloops	South Korea	Social Sciences
Keivan Hirji	University of Victoria	North Vancouver	Scotland	Global Business
William Howling	University of Victoria	Victoria	Indonesia	Business & Economics
Andrea Ivanof	University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford	Netherlands	International Management & Consultancy
Emma Juergensen	Simon Fraser University	Coquitlam	New Zealand	Exchange Program
Anita Koralewicz	University of BC	Vancouver	England	Geography
Maya Korbynn	University of BC	Vancouver	Netherlands	Social Sciences
Marian Lee	University of BC	Vancouver	Spain	Commerce
Sarah Lee	Simon Fraser University	Surrey	Czech Republic	Business Administration
Ingrid Leung	Simon Fraser University	Burnaby	France	French for Prospective Teachers

Julia Lunot	Simon Fraser University	Richmond	Australia	Sociology
Benjamin Matthews	Thompson Rivers University	Kamloops	England	Arts - English
Brianna Mau	Simon Fraser University	Coquitlam	England	Media and Film Studies
Micah May	University of Northern BC	Bonnington	Mongolia	Environmental Science and Biology
Hilton Nguyen	University of BC	Aldergrove	Czech Republic	Economics
Sara Nguyen	Capilano University	Vancouver	Germany	Communications Design
Nicholas Page	Simon Fraser University	Vancouver	South Korea	Anthropology
Gurleen Parhar	University of BC	Abbotsford	Singapore	Arts & Social Sciences
David Phypers	The University of BC Okanagan	Yellowknife	Sweden	Civil Engineering
Jessica Reist	University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford	Germany	Psychology
Emily Ross	University of Victoria	Whitehorse	France	Arts - Exchange Program
Jeffrey Salvo	BC Institute of Technology	Burnaby	Korea	Business Administration
Sultan Sandur	Thompson Rivers University	Kamloops	Colombia	Education
Masha Shcherbyna	University of BC	Vancouver	Australia	Exercise Physiology
Sukhi Singh	University of Victoria	Surrey	England	Biomedical Engineering
Courtney Smith	University of the Fraser Valley	Chilliwack	France	Political Science
Daniela Ramirez	University of BC	Port Moody	France	Exchange Program
Catharine White	University of Victoria	Calgary	Singapore	Law
Katie Wingerak	University of the Fraser Valley	Surrey	Australia	Health & Sport Sciences
Bessie Ming Sze Wong	Simon Fraser University	Vancouver	Taiwan	Communications, Chinese Language
Theresa Wong	University of BC	Victoria	England & China	Go Global Exchange
Maaria Zafar	University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford	Czech Republic	Human & Social Sciences
Joseph Zsombor-Pindera	University of BC	Vancouver	Germany	Chemistry