

Announcing The 2020 Women in Technology Scholarships - Building Our Capacity

2020 marks the third year for the Women in Technology Scholarships program which continues to create a strong framework to support women in technology, engineering and computer sciences in British Columbia. \$10,000 scholarships are awarded to selected applicants based on their unique narratives combined with academic excellence. One annual award is specifically designated for an Indigenous student.

“We search for the women who are not only excelling in their fields but can become leaders and demonstrate the value of a diverse and inclusive workplace. Launching cohorts of bright and dedicated women builds their capacity to leverage shared expertise and passion into the future” explained Society Chair, Shirley Kamerling-Roberts.

Nine Women in Technology Scholarships were awarded at a COVID-19 compliant ceremony today at the University Women’s Club in Vancouver.

2020 Women in Technology Scholarship Recipients

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| Betty Cai | Materials Engineering | University of British Columbia |
| Aldyn Chwelos | Computer Science | University of Victoria |
| Jessica Guenter | Computer Engineering Technology | Camosun College |
| Annie Hung | Civil Engineering | University of British Columbia |
| Sophie Lin | Mechanical Engineering | University of British Columbia |
| Maria Phelan | Engineering Physics | University of British Columbia |
| Joice Tang | Computer Science | University of British Columbia |
| Corrie Thirkell | Civil Engineering | University of British Columbia |
| Svena Yu | Engineering Physics | University of British Columbia |

Past *Women in Technology Scholarship* recipient, Sumreen Rattan, who graduated with a Bachelor in Applied Science in Mechatronic Systems Engineering from SFU, commented *“I want young girls to hear about engineers and imagine someone like them - women, women of any ethnicity or colour - as people in the field. In fact, I want them to not only imagine but know women in these fields – women like ourselves. With scholarships like this, I know we’re getting closer to that goal.”* (Ms. Rattan is the co-founder of Moment Energy - repurposing electric vehicle batteries to store renewable energy.)

The programs of the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society are 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, and students undertaking study or work opportunities abroad. Since its inception, the Society has awarded more than \$23 million to over 7,000 students in B.C.

Learn More:

- Eligibility criteria and application information for the Women in Technology Scholarships and Indigenous Women in Technology Scholarships are available at: <http://www.ikbbc.ca/womenintech>

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