



# Faculty of Science Bursaries

## Empowering UBC Science students

UBC Science students have talent, drive and curiosity. They have the potential to make new discoveries, shift paradigms, start companies, and even spark new industries. Unfortunately, they do not all have the financial means to complete their education—an essential step to realizing their potential. Student loans and summer jobs do not always cover the cost of living, books and tuition.

The Faculty of Science Bursaries help students with unmet financial needs. For many, attending university is possible only because of these awards.

Since these bursaries were first disbursed in 2002, a growing community of donors has committed to supporting our students. To date:

- **275 bursaries have been awarded**
- **\$272,000+ total has been disbursed**

These awards empower students with greater financial security and choice, ensuring an enriching university education that prepares UBC Science graduates to help advance healthy lives, create solutions for the planet and shape thriving societies.

# Our bursary recipients

Recipients of the Faculty of Science Bursaries are selected based on financial need. The awards—the amount of which varies—are available to eligible students who are experiencing hardship for a number of reasons including a funding shortfall or an unexpected change in circumstances.

While the bursaries provide students with a crucial monetary benefit, they also give them the motivation to continue their studies and build on their education to pursue their career goals.

Our bursary recipients are part of a community of students and scholars that is recognized for its commitment to discovery and innovation. They are students across UBC's broad range of disciplines, many

of which earn top marks in Canada and are among the best globally. After graduation, UBC Science alumni go on to contribute in critical sectors such as health care, environmental sciences and biotechnology. Each of their journeys began with the foundational knowledge and skills they gained through UBC Science subjects including:

- Biology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Computer science
- Earth, ocean and atmospheric sciences
- Integrated sciences
- Mathematics
- Microbiology and immunology
- Physics and astronomy
- Statistics
- Zoology



“Every UBC Science student should have the opportunity to fully pursue their academic aspirations. Thanks to the commitment of our generous donors, Faculty of Science Bursaries provide eligible students with the critical financial support they need to realize their potential in fields as diverse as health, sustainability, advanced materials, AI, and beyond.”

**– Dr. Mark MacLachlan**

Dean, Faculty of Science  
University of British Columbia





## Bursaries support success

Many students who received the Faculty of Science Bursaries say the support was integral to their success at UBC and beyond.

### Chris Yan

Senior Software Engineer, Microsoft

BSc '17 (Biotechnology)

"I received the Faculty of Science Bursary during a period of personal turmoil where I was grappling with poor health, financial stress, and academic pressure. Receiving the bursary was a beacon of hope, allowing me to reduce my working hours without sacrificing my needs. With the extra time, I was able to dedicate it to my studies and well-being. I not only improved my academic performance but also restored my health and future career outlook.

Currently, I am working at Microsoft to enable confidential cloud computing for the world. My work contributes to protecting sensitive data and empowering organizations, such as healthcare providers, to leverage the power of cloud computing while staying secure. Tackling the constantly evolving and complex systems of cloud security is a challenge, but my time at UBC has helped me approach these problems with an experimental mindset and an analytical eye."

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