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**20 Post-Secondary Students Receive Premier’s Scholarships For Study Abroad**

**Victoria, B.C., September 10, 2013** – 20 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.

The students are enrolled in overseas programs in fourteen different countries and will be studying a wide variety of subjects ranging from: Law, Anthropology, and Tourism, to Mathematics, International Relations, and Fine Arts (see below for list of recipients).

Premier’s 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. The Ministry of Advanced Education provided an additional \$2 million for the program in 2012 as part of British Columbia’s International Education Strategy.

“I know firsthand that studying overseas can be a life-changing experience,” said Premier Christy Clark. “That’s why I’m proud that our international education strategy will enhance scholarships to allow more British Columbian students to benefit from the experience of studying abroad.”

Hugh Gordon, chair of the Irving K. Barber B. C. Scholarship Society noted that this year brought forward a record number of applications for the Premier’s Scholarship program.

“The Society is pleased to see a steady increase in the number of students interested in broadening their education with a period of study in a different county”, said Gordon. “It suggests a generation of young British Columbians that see themselves as global citizens with an obligation to understand the world beyond our own borders.”

The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society has awarded just over \$1.6 million in international scholarships since 2008, when the program began. Premier’s Scholarships are awarded once each year. In addition, One World scholarships of \$1,000 to \$3,500 are available throughout the year from BC public post-secondary institutions. To learn more about how to apply for a scholarship, visit: <http://www.bcscholarship.ca/web/international>

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**Background:** The [Irving K. Barber B.C. Scholarship Society works](#) with the [Victoria Foundation](#) 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 \$5 million from six programs.

## 2013 Premier's International Scholarship Recipients

| Student Name         | Hometown            | Institution                     | Area of Study                      | Study Abroad Country                      |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Brent Whitford       | Nanaimo             | Vancouver Island University     | Anthropology                       | Bulgaria                                  |
| Carolyn Tsao         | Victoria            | University of Victoria          | Economics/Mathematics & Statistics | China                                     |
| Clinton Shard        | Garibaldi Highlands | Capilano University             | Business Administration            | Germany                                   |
| Corinne Baerg        | Langley             | University of British Columbia  | Law                                | France                                    |
| Daniel Dubois        | Vancouver           | Capilano University             | Business Administration            | Austria                                   |
| Emilia Clement       | Nanaimo             | Vancouver Island University     | Graphic Design                     | China                                     |
| Julia Ufimzeff       | Kelowna             | Okanagan College                | Business Administration            | Austria                                   |
| Kathleen Fryer       | Mission             | University of the Fraser Valley | Political Science                  | France                                    |
| Kori Cook            | Coquitlam           | Simon Fraser University         | Global Health                      | Switzerland                               |
| Laura LaBelle        | Burnaby             | Simon Fraser University         | Health Science                     | Sweden                                    |
| Megan Kingwill       | Nanaimo             | Vancouver Island University     | Global Studies & Anthropology      | Ecuador                                   |
| Megan Sadler         | North Vancouver     | Capilano University             | Tourism Management                 | England                                   |
| Michael Jarosz       | Vancouver           | BC Institute of Technology      | Business Administration            | Multiple Countries in Asia/Africa/ Europe |
| Nellie Gossen        | Vancouver           | University of British Columbia  | Religion, Literature & Arts        | Germany                                   |
| Ryan Abbott          | Victoria            | University of Victoria          | Hispanic Studies                   | Ecuador                                   |
| Teresita Aristizabal | Surrey              | University of British Columbia  | Commerce                           | France                                    |
| Thomas MacGregor     | Vancouver           | BC Institute of Technology      | Business Administration            | France                                    |
| Victoria More        | Kamloops            | University of Victoria          | Law                                | Singapore                                 |
| Yahoel Van Essen     | Burnaby             | BC Institute of Technology      | Marketing Management               | France                                    |
| Yilin Wang           | Gibsons             | University of British Columbia  | Fine Arts                          | Scotland                                  |