



# UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY ACCESS GRANT (IMAG)

### GUIDELINES

#### OVERVIEW

The University of Victoria International Mobility Access Grant (IMAG), and the related supports available, aim to reduce barriers for recipients to access and participate in UVic's international outbound mobility programs and strengthen their global skills and competencies.

Grants of **up to \$8,000** are awarded to undergraduate Indigenous students, low-income students and students with a disability who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents and are going abroad on international study and/or work experiences. Students who meet more than one eligibility category are eligible for no more than one grant per international activity.

Students can apply for the IMAG funding assessment before or after they submit their mobility program application.

#### INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The IMAG funds initiatives that give students a unique experience in the global community. Such initiatives include, but are not limited to the following (including in- person or virtual formats):

- ✓ Exchange programs organized by UVic
- ✓ Co-op placements at UVic partner universities

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit IMAG application;
  - **Application Deadlines: Several competitions held through the year. Check the [international website](#) for upcoming deadlines.**
  - *(Decisions will be made within approximately two weeks following each deadline)*
  - Submit by email, regular mail or in person
  - Applicants must provide the following as detailed in the attached pages:
    - Section 1: Applicant Information**
    - Section 2: Planned International Activity**
    - Section 3: Budget Worksheet**
    - Section 4: Eligibility Statement**
    - Section 5: Declaration**
- Apply to a UVic international mobility program based at a UVic partner university (*i.e. those programs supported through the International Centre for Students, Gustavson School of Business International, Co-op + Career Services, etc.*);
- Submit confirmation of international study/work placement to [world@uvic.ca](mailto:world@uvic.ca) in order to receive awarded grant funds.
  - **Please note: Confirmation of eligibility for the IMAG does not guarantee placement in the international mobility program. A separate application to the mobility program will be required.**

#### CANCELLATION AND POSTPONEMENT

Award recipients unable to participate in their international activity must notify Global Engagement immediately and return any funds received.

Students prevented from participating in their scheduled activity for reasons beyond their control may request a postponement of their award provided they begin their activity within 12 months of the grant notification.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- must be a full-time or part-time UVic undergraduate student
- must be at least 18 years of age
- must be in good academic standing
- must be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- must be pursuing work or study experiences based at a UVic international partner institution and supported through the International Centre for Students, Gustavson School of Business International, Co-op + Career Services, etc.
- The international activity must commence within 12 months of the application deadline.

## SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*In addition to meeting the above general eligibility requirements, students must also meet one or more of the below eligibility requirements.*

### *Indigenous Students*

Students must:

- Self-identify as First Nation (status or non-status), Métis, Inuit or other Indigenous ancestry
- Submit a statement outlining Indigenous ancestry

### *Students with a Disability*

Students must:

- Self-identify as an individual requiring accommodation or supports for learning or daily living circumstances due to a long-term physical, sensory or cognitive condition or health matter;
- Submit a statement outlining the accommodations or supports required for accessible/sustainable learning or daily living circumstances

### *Low-Income Students*

Students must:

- Demonstrate financial need by submitting a statement that answers the following:
  - How would your financial situation change if you were to participate in an international mobility program?
  - Is there any additional information that should be considered regarding your financial situation?
- Confirm enrolment in, or affiliation with, one or more of the following;
  - Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students
  - Canada Student Grant for Students with Dependents
  - Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities
  - BC Access Grant
  - Government Student Loan (BC or Canada)
  - Former Youth in Care: have been formerly in care for a total of 12 months or more (consecutive or accumulated) and are 19 years of age or older (no age cap)