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

VICTORIA– Twenty-seven B.C. students have been awarded *Premier's International Scholarships* for study in 15 different parts of the world, supporting them in achieving their education goals and benefiting B.C. communities with their global knowledge and experiences.

The students are enrolled in overseas programs, studying a wide variety of subjects ranging from Global Health Policy to International Relations.

"Congratulations to the 27 B.C. students who have been awarded a Premier's International Scholarship," said Premier David Eby. *"You have worked hard in pursuing your educational goals and we salute you. We know this is just the next step on your journey. Your friends, your family, and your communities cannot wait to see what you achieve, as you help to build a better world for all of us."*

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 community service. The scholarships are part of the larger One World international scholarship program offered by the Society. The Scholarships are valued at between \$8,000 and \$12,000 and are administrated by the BC Scholarship Society.

"Many of BC's exceptional students understand the importance of a global perspective," notes BC Scholarship Society Chair Firas Abbasi. *"Leaving one's home, family, and community for prolonged periods of time in pursuit of knowledge can be challenging in many ways. This prestigious award supports our students' mission to enrich our understanding of global affairs and improve our relationships with the rest of the world."*

Since its founding in 2006, the BC Scholarship Society has awarded more than \$34 million in scholarships and awards to thousands of BC students through five different programs including *Transfer, International, Indigenous, Adult Basic Education, and Women in Technology*. The Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors and is administered by the Victoria Foundation.

A complete list of 2023 Premier's International Scholarship Recipients can be found on the Society's website: <https://www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca/international-scholarships/about-this-scholarship/>

To find out more about the Premier's International Scholarship or any of the Society's other programs, call 844-478-4645 (toll-free) or visit www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca

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