

The University of the Fraser Valley Student Union (UFV SUS) is a registered non-profit society representing and serving our UFV student members. The SUS facilitates a number of services such as the UFV Shuttle Bus and student run restaurant, provides financial aid, and supports various on-campus student organizations. As the official representative body of UFV students, the mission of the SUS is 'to create a strong, unified student voice and to provide innovative and valuable services to its members by advocating on behalf of and collaborating with the Student Body, UFV and the community.

PRESS RELEASE

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UFV Student Union Society Launches Top UFV Scholarship

ABBOTSFORD, BC – In keeping with our *For Students, By Students* mandate, the **UFV Student Union Society (SUS)** is delighted to announce the creation of the **UFV Student Union Society Premiere Entrance Scholarship**. Worth \$40,000 over four years, the scholarship will be awarded annually to an exceptional leader and scholar entering any degree program at UFV who has proven their commitment to building community. This award is the largest offered at UFV and, unlike similar awards at other institutions, is fully funded by the Student Union Society.

“It is the hope of SUS that this scholarship will entice extraordinarily skilled students to UFV” said SUS President **Ryan Petersen**. UFV strives to provide the best undergraduate education in Canada, of which an important part is attracting the best students and leaders to study here. “The calibre of students who apply because of this scholarship are those who will inspire change, create new campus life, and support all students in collaborative learning.”

To qualify for the scholarship, students must have a minimum 90% entrance average, exceptional school and/or community involvement, and demonstrated leadership throughout their academic career. They also must write a one thousand word essay, and provide a statement on life and career goals. To renew the scholarship, winners must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA and volunteer with SUS through the Fall and Winter terms.

This new award is just one part of a portfolio of financial assistance the SUS offers. Annually, up to a maximum of \$30,000 of emergency student grants, \$4,000 in international/study abroad scholarships, and \$11,750 of merit-based scholarships are available for disbursement through a mixture of annual funding and endowed funds by SUS.

Over the summer, SUS dedicated an additional \$18,750 towards its permanently endowed scholarship funds. These funds allow for the annual award of scholarships in the amounts of: \$1,000 and \$750.

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SUS strongly advocates for and works towards open access to education without financial barriers through its engagement in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) and Alliance of British Columbia Students (ABCS). “These federal and provincial advocacy groups have a huge potential to shape the educational landscape, but for financial relief today, students look to us for a direct answer” said Petersen.

“Scholarship and bursary awards are truly the lifeblood of our students. The Student Union Society Executive team has recognised how important financial support is to individual students who face so many varied challenges along their journey. University Advancement’s collaboration with SUS to establish this premiere entrance award has provided unique insights into the SUS team’s passion to support our students, their peers, in a positive and impactful manner,” says Hilary Beard, Director of University Advancement. “SUS has put feet to their passion for supporting students.”

As UFV celebrates our 40th anniversary, we take pride in our history and look to the future. We measure our success by the success of our students and graduates. And now that we’ve been in operation for 40 years, we have more than 30,000 alumni who provide proof of the positive influence that UFV has had, both locally and beyond. Share in the celebration as we proudly mark this milestone throughout the year. Check ufv.ca/40 to stay abreast of the festivities and celebrate with us forty years of delivering quality education in the Fraser Valley.

SUS looks forward to welcoming the first recipient of this scholarship for Fall 2014!

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