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British Columbia Scholarship Society

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Two students from China awarded \$10,000 to Study in B.C.**

Victoria - Two students from China will each receive \$10,000 from the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society. The scholarships will go towards their studies at post-secondary institutions in B.C.

"These scholarships support the international exchange of knowledge and culture", said Society chair Jim Reed. "They help bring academic excellence to B.C. and support building international partnerships."

The One World International Scholarship for Study in B.C. provides up to ten scholarships of \$10,000 each annually to students from a designated country wishing to pursue post-secondary studies in B.C. The scholarships are currently available to students from the People's Republic of China. The government of China has established a similar program to host B.C. students.

"These scholarships demonstrate our commitment to provide innovative and challenging opportunities for international students while promoting international understanding through education," said Moira Stilwell, Minister for Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. "The awards will give these students a chance to meet young people from B.C., enhance their educational experience and gain an understanding and appreciation of our culture."

The recipients of the scholarship will study in B.C. for at least 1 year at a public post-secondary institution in a program that leads to a credential. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be completing high school or be enrolled in a post-secondary institution in the Peoples Republic of China and have a minimum B+ or equivalent academic standing.

"Congratulations to the two Chinese students who have been accepted as the One World International Scholarship winners," said B.C. Education Consul from the People's Republic of China Zhang Fajun. "I am sure this great scholarship will benefit the recipients in their upcoming studies and life in beautiful BC. I look forward to more excellent Chinese students applying in future. The One World International Scholarship is a great attraction to Chinese students who are considering study abroad."

The Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society, in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, provides scholarships to students attending public post-secondary institutions in B.C. and internationally. To date, the Society has awarded over \$2.1 million in scholarships, of which \$356,000 was awarded this year.

For more information about this scholarship, the Society's other scholarship programs, or to donate to the international scholarships endowment fund, visit [www.bcscholarship.ca](http://www.bcscholarship.ca) or call the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532.

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List of recipients below

### **One World International Scholarship for Study in B.C. 2009 Recipients**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Home Location</b>	<b>Sending Institution</b>	<b>Receiving Institution</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>
Qiaoru Wang	Dalian, China	Dalian Maple Leaf International School	Simon Fraser University	Bachelors of Arts - Communications
Hanjin (Jessica) Li	Zhejiang, China	Fu Yang No. 2 High School	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	Bachelors of Business Administration - Accounting