

## Pacific Horizons Scholarship

### Objectives and Purpose

The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Pacific Horizons International Scholarship has been created by the Province of British Columbia and the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society to assist BC students to participate in cultural or language learning studies outside of Canada and the United States. Scholarships are given to British Columbia students who are selected, on a competitive basis, from a pool of applicants pursuing part of their experiential learning opportunities overseas.

The Pacific Horizons scholarship program is intended to expand educational opportunities for students at public post-secondary institutions across British Columbia, and to recognize students who are educationally curious and interested in expanding their learning experience. The program aims to increase participation by students from public post-secondary institutions in B.C. in academic and work-related programs outside Canada to develop a more globally literate citizenry and workforce in the province.

In 2011, \$25,000 in scholarship funds will be available for Pacific Horizons Scholarships with 25 individual awards to be made throughout British Columbia.

Students from everywhere in the province will be able to benefit from this scholarship program. The distribution of scholarships will recognize that institutions and students in rural and remote areas face challenges in participating in international education activities. The program has been designed to match the institutions' international education strategies, creating the potential to make a significant contribution to institutional internationalization efforts across the province.

This international scholarship program is managed by the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society, a private Society named in honour of philanthropist Irving K. Barber, founder of Slocan Forest Products Ltd.

## Pacific Horizons Scholarship Program – Application 2011

The Pacific Horizons scholarship program is open to eligible students enrolled in a program of at least one year in length, offering a credential at a British Columbia public post-secondary institution. Students must have made arrangements to participate in cultural or language learning studies outside Canada and the United States of America.

### Number and Value of Scholarships

Twenty-five scholarships worth \$1,000 each will be awarded in 2011 (one per educational institution).

### Definition of an Eligible Study/Work Abroad Program for the Purposes of this Scholarship

For the purposes of this scholarship, an eligible study abroad activity is experiential in nature and normally does not carry academic credit and/or is not a key part of the student's academic program. The activity is typically shorter (less than four months) and involves language acquisition and/or learning about another country and its culture.

### Awarding Process

The Pacific Horizons scholarship program is administered by B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions. All applications received are reviewed for completeness and eligibility. Eligible scholarship applications are then adjudicated on the information in the student's application and supporting documentation. Adjudication is based on academic merit, educational and personal objectives, and readiness to go overseas. Awards will be issued to recipients by the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society. For more information, please refer to the application guidelines attached with this form.

### Eligibility Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded on a competitive basis to students who:

- are Canadian citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants);
- are British Columbia residents, defined as having had their primary residency at an address in the province for at least the past 12 months;
- are enrolled in a program of at least a one year in length (preferably longer), leading to a credential;
- have made arrangements to participate in organized cultural or language learning studies overseas, and can provide proof of participation in this activity;
- are planning to carry out their study/work abroad activity outside Canada and the United States of America;
- are not carrying out their cultural/language learning activity in a country from which the student has immigrated within the past ten years;
- have not previously received a Pacific Horizons scholarship or One World scholarship at the same credential level.

In addition to the criteria listed above, a student's institution may have additional considerations in making award decisions. For any questions about eligibility, applicants should check with their [Pacific Horizons Scholarship representative](#).

Selected award recipients will be expected to take up their award and commence their international activity within nine months following the date of the notification by their home institution regarding the award. Should a student be unable to participate in the planned activity after being awarded a scholarship, she/he will have to notify the institution's [Pacific Horizons Scholarship representative](#) immediately. In this case, any scholarship funds already paid out to the student will have to be returned to the Society. If a student is prevented from participating in his/her scheduled study/work abroad activity due to a reason beyond his/her control and the student would like to postpone this activity to a later point in time rather than cancel it, the student should consult with his/her Pacific Horizons Scholarship representative.

### Application Deadline

Completed applications and all documentation must be received by the Pacific Horizons scholarship representative at your institution by the deadlines established by the representative.

Please direct questions about this program to the Pacific Horizons scholarship representative of your institution. A list of Pacific Horizons scholarship representatives at B.C. public post-secondary institutions is available at <http://www.bcstudentawards.ca/web/representatives>

Documents and applications will be held in the custody of the Pacific Horizons Scholarship representative at the respective institution, and will not be returned to students. Selections will be made, and notifications sent out to successful students by the students' Pacific Horizons Scholarship representative. Please note that individual institutions may have more than one deadline during the year.



List other scholarship(s) and award(s) previously received:

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List up to four examples of community and/or institutional activities, if applicable:

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Names, titles and addresses of referees whose letters are included with your application.

<b>1. Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	

## Declaration

I hereby apply for a Pacific Horizons Scholarship and certify that the information given in this application is true and complete. The Irving K Barber BC Scholarship Society (IKBBCSS) is authorized to verify the information contained herein with my educational institutions and other sources identified.

I understand and agree that the information on this form and attached material will be used and disclosed by both the IKBBCSS and the B.C. public post-secondary educational institution (Institution) named in this form for the purpose of assessing my eligibility for and administering any grants under the Pacific Horizons Scholarship program. The Society is subject to the B.C. Personal Information Protection Act and will deal with and safeguard my personal information pursuant to that Act. The Institution is subject to the B.C. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will deal with and safeguard my personal information as required by that Act.

I hereby confirm that I have not immigrated to Canada within the past ten years from the country where I will carry out my study/work abroad activity.

I hereby confirm that I am a resident of British Columbia, as defined in the eligibility criteria.

I hereby confirm that I have not previously received a One World Scholarship or Pacific Horizons Scholarship at the same credential level.

(Check this box if applicable) I have also applied to the One World Scholarship program for the same study/work abroad activity, and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a scholarship under both programs.

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Yes  No

I consent to the publishing of my name, information about my accomplishments, and photograph for promotional purposes, should I be a successful candidate.



# Pacific Horizons Scholarship Application - Guidelines 2011

These guidelines will assist you in filling out the application form and help you assess whether or not you meet basic eligibility criteria. This sheet includes information on eligibility requirements, your unofficial transcript and GPA calculation, personal reference letters, and the awarding process.

## Eligible Students

The Pacific Horizons Scholarship program is open to students who are enrolled at a B.C. public post-secondary institution in a program of at least one-year (preferably longer), offering a credential upon successful completion. Eligible students must be residents of British Columbia, defined as having had their primary residency at an address in the province for at least the past 12 months. Only Canadian citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants) are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Students are only eligible to receive one scholarship (One World or Pacific Horizons scholarship) at each credential level: undergraduate (certificate, diploma, Bachelor's), post-graduate diploma, Master's and doctoral. They may apply for another scholarship if they pursue a subsequent level credential at the same or a different B.C. public post-secondary institution. If you have any questions about your eligibility to apply for a Pacific Horizons Scholarship, please contact your Pacific Horizons scholarship representative.

Complete contact information for the Pacific Horizons scholarship representatives at each institution is listed at the following website <http://www.bcscholarship.ca/web/representatives>.

## Eligible International Activities

Eligible students must have made arrangements to participate in cultural, language or service learning studies outside Canada. These studies do NOT have to be a formal part of the students' credential program, nor do they have to carry academic credit. Students participating in study/work abroad activity in the United States of America or in a country from which they have immigrated within the past ten years, are not eligible for a Pacific Horizons scholarship.

Typical eligible study abroad programs can include language or cultural studies of a relatively short duration (two weeks to a month). Exchanges and staying with a family in the host country for greater immersion results are encouraged, but not required. Students can take part in existing partnership programs run by their post-secondary institution, or they might participate in programs offered by other institutions or organizations, outside Canada and the United States of America.

In either case, students have to apply for the Pacific Horizons scholarship at the institution where they are enrolled in a credentialed program. If you have any questions about whether your study/work abroad activity allows you to apply for a Pacific Horizons scholarship, please contact your Pacific Horizons scholarship representative.

## Your Official or Unofficial Transcripts and GPA Calculations

You are required to submit official or unofficial transcripts of all post-secondary studies to date, in British Columbia and elsewhere, along with your application. Unofficial transcripts should be readily available through your institution, either online or through the registrar's office. Your transcripts also indicate the grade you received in each course.

To be eligible for the Pacific Horizons scholarship, you will need to have satisfactory academic standing as determined by your institution for participation in an eligible international activity. Your institution might set a minimum cumulative GPA that will be required to apply to the Pacific Horizons scholarship program. You should check with your Pacific Horizons scholarship representative regarding any minimum GPA requirements.

## Personal Reference Letters

Attached to the application is a Letter of Reference form. You will need to make a copy of this form to provide to your referee. You may also wish to provide your referee with a copy of the objectives and purpose of the Irving K. Barber British Columbia International Scholarship programs found on the first page of this application package, and your curriculum vitae or resume. This will give your referee a better idea of the principles behind the scholarship you are applying for, and help them to write a letter appropriate to those principles.

Choosing appropriate referees is very important. You will need to approach someone in either your institution or community who knows you and who can attest to your personal character and suitability for the proposed international activity. More information for your referees is included on the Letter of Reference form. Reference letters must be confidential. Ask your referee to return the reference letter and completed form to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal. Submit the sealed envelope along with your application.

## The Awards Process

The selection process for the Pacific Horizons scholarship program is handled by the individual post-secondary institutions. Please check with your institution's Pacific Horizons Scholarship representative for details regarding the awards process.