

Scholarships and Work Study Program

Scholarships: The University of Victoria School of Music annually awards more than \$140,000.00 in scholarships and bursaries, including 15 entrance bursaries of \$3,000 each for string and piano students. Normally, about 33% of our undergraduate students, entering and returning, receive assistance. A small number of these students who demonstrate a very high academic average are also awarded "top-up" money from the President's Scholarship fund. Graduate students are awarded fellowships through the Office of Graduate Studies. In addition, money is available for graduate teaching assistantships.

Scholarships for incoming students are awarded on the basis of the audition; scholarships for returning students are awarded on the basis of grades and, in some cases, excellence in a particular area, as specified by the scholarship. In addition, a small number of bursaries are available; these are awarded on the basis of ability and need. **Important:** In order to be considered for a scholarship, a returning student must have completed at least 12 units of academic work in the previous school year. Keep this requirement in mind when you are considering dropping a course from your schedule. Every year several deserving students who would otherwise receive scholarships are disqualified because they are not carrying 12 units. Please refer to the Student Awards and Financial Aid website for further information on available scholarships and awards:

<http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa/scholarships/scholarshipmedalprize.html>

Work Study Program, 2011-12: Students wishing to be considered for a Work Study position must meet the eligibility requirements.

Work Study participants must be full-time students with financial need. For undergraduate students, **registration in at least 4.5 units (3 units for students with permanent disabilities) for credit in each term constitutes full-time status for the purpose of this program.** Graduate students must meet the criteria for full-time registration as detailed on the Graduate Admissions and Records website. If students drop below full-time status at any time between September and April, they are not eligible for the Work Study program and will be asked to vacate their assigned position.

As eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need, students must:

- Complete a Work Study application that can be printed in PDF format from the Student Awards and Financial Aid website.
- Submit the completed Work Study Application for assessment to Student Awards and Financial Aid anytime after August 15, 2011.
- Allow 3 working days for processing, and return to Student Awards and Financial Aid office with photo identification to find out if you are eligible to participate in the Work Study program.
- If you are eligible, you will receive a Work Study Authorization form which is your ticket to participating in the program.

Your Work Study Authorization form will direct you to the Student Awards and Financial Aid - Work Study website, where all Work Study positions will be posted. It is recommended that prospective applicants wait until they have worked out their timetable for the year before applying for a Work Study position. The final decision on hiring will be made by the project supervisor.

All students must have a valid Social Insurance Number before commencing work in a Work Study position. Please contact Service Canada for information and application procedures:
<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin/index.shtml>. **Work Study positions will be available to view on the Student Awards and Financial Aid - Work Study website on September 7, 2011. The first day of employment on any Work Study position will be September 7, 2011.**

The program pays \$10.00 an hour for up to a maximum of 300 hours work during the academic year (September through April) to a maximum of \$3,000. School of Music positions normally are posted for hours ranging from 100-250 hours. Due to the demand for Work Study and student availability, it is not uncommon for positions to be shared between two applicants. The School of Music has a number of Work Study positions available during the academic year. Positions include: concert assistants (ushers), recording technicians, stage managers for the School of Music's Phillip T. Young Recital Hall), Orchestra & Wind Symphony stage managers and orchestral librarians.

The Work Study program operates from September 7, 2011 to April 25, 2012 inclusive. The Financial Aid Office will determine the students' "unmet financial need" and note on their Work Study Authorization how many hours they may work. Students assessed with less than 20 hours of eligibility will not receive an authorization form. Funding is available to approved students on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the School of Music's Work Study Supervisor, Linda Sheldon, at: musi@finearts.uvic.ca if you wish to express interest in a particular position for September 2011. Cover letters and résumés will be accepted via email once jobs are posted online on September 7, 2011. You may also submit your information in person at the department's general office, Maclaurin B102 during office hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Monday – Friday).

Please see the Work Study Student Information site for more information at:
<http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa/workstudy/wsstudentsinfo.html>