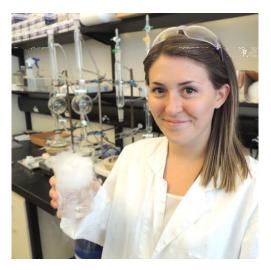


2015 Undergraduate Student Member Scholarship awarded to

Sydney Acton

University of British Columbia Okanagan



"I am currently in my final year of my Chemistry Honour's B.Sc. Degree at UBC Okanagan. My roles as a teacher, a mentor and a leader at UBCO have allowed me to make an impact on the chemistry community at UBCO. As the President of the Chemistry Course Union (CCU) I work with eight executive members to serve over 400 members annually to develop an academic and social community among students, TAs and faculty members. The CCU also provides academic support and professional development opportunities for chemistry students. I also work with the South-Eastern BC CIC local section as an executive member to develop outreach projects to help engage the community in the chemical sciences. Being a TA for the past 3 years as well as tutoring through the CCU has provided me with great teaching experience and allowed me to mentor younger students. I have been a member of the Menard lab at UBCO for the last 2 years working on the synthesis of fluorescent probes for protein labeling in live cells; this was supported by Barber and NSERC Undergraduate awards. I am currently in the process of applying for graduate studies in the areas of organic chemistry and chemical biology".