

## 2016 Undergraduate Student Member Scholarship awarded to

## **Cassidy Conover**

**University of Victoria** 



"My passion for science education has led to many rewarding opportunities throughout my undergraduate degree at the University of Victoria. I volunteer with Scientists in the Schools; a Science World program to stimulate scientific interest amongst public school students from grades 1 to 12. This program runs student chemistry workshops in the spring as well as interactive experiments at elementary schools across Vancouver Island during the school year. Each spring I volunteer to help set-up, take-down, judge, and run security for the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair. As a senior student of the chemistry Co-op program, I volunteer with the department to prepare junior students to become competitive candidates for posted work term positions, including interview preparation by conducting mock interviews, and help building and finalizing resumes and cover letters. I am currently in my final year of my undergraduate degree and will graduate in 2017 with a Chemistry Honour's B. Sc. with a Minor in Applied Ethics and Co-op designation. My Honours project involves the synthesis and characterization of new indigo derivatives in the Hicks group, supported by a JCURA Undergraduate award. Upon graduation in 2017, I plan to further my education and begin a graduate program in the area of inorganic chemistry either in the spring or fall of 2017."