

2023 Undergraduate Student Member Scholarship awarded to Emily Dagasso, Thompson Rivers University



I am currently graduating from Thompson Rivers University (TRU) with a BSc in chemistry. As an undergraduate student at TRU, I had the opportunity to engage in inorganic chemistry research as well as analytical method development and validation. These experiences furthered my enthusiasm for the physical sciences and expanded my understanding for chemical phenomena. My undergraduate education has facilitated my development as a mentor, providing me with opportunities to guide fellow chemistry students in various capacities. As an Undergraduate Research Ambassador, I have participated in many outreach events, providing guidance to students currently engaged in or hoping to engage in chemistry research at TRU. Similarly, as a member of the TRU Biochemistry/Chemistry Research Club (BCR), I volunteered within the BCR Help Centre, which involved consultations about research applications and general research guidance. I am also a senior member of the Chemistry/Biochemistry Club (CBC), where I have participated and aided in the organization of many events and activities promoting chemistry literacy both on and off campus. These activities aim to create a fun and interactive atmosphere for students to interact with their colleagues, as well as faculty members, to forge meaningful connections. During the coming academic year I plan to further my chemical education as a graduate student, with research focusing on synthetic and medicinal chemistry.