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Five Simon Fraser University students are this year's recipients of [B.C. Aboriginal Student Awards](#) from the Irving K. Barber B.C. Scholarship Society.

Here are the recipients from SFU, along with what they're studying and the amount of their award:

- Melinda Mack (Maple Ridge), business, \$3,500
- Michael Bellegarde (Vancouver), social sciences, \$1,000
- Stephanie Decicco (Coquitlam), education, \$2,500
- Tamara Morrison (Vancouver), communication, \$3,500
- Alissa Derrick (Vancouver), criminology, \$2,500

The award is available thanks to a \$10-million endowment fund established by the B.C. provincial government in 2007 as part of its strategy to improve Aboriginal achievement and access to education. Awards of \$1,000 to \$3,500 are given annually to Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in B.C.

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