



*2016/2017 The Zhang Scholarship*

**GOLDEN KEY**  
INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

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Established in 2012, the Zhang Scholarship awards the best undergraduate member of the Golden Key International Honour Society's University of British Columbia Chapter in each academic year. The Scholarship recognizes one UBC Golden Key member demonstrating the most impressive achievements across all three pillars of Golden Key: Academics, Leadership, and Service.



The Zhang Scholarship honours our outstanding Golden Key alumni member, Derek Zhenxinyu Zhang, for his continuous dedication and exceptional contributions to Golden Key, UBC, and Canadian and international communities. Derek graduated from UBC in May 2013 with a BA Honours degree in Psychology. He is a beloved UBC Golden Key leader and was the 2012-2013 Co-President. Also, he is the founding President of the Application Peer Program, which aims to increase international awareness and assist high school students in China to seek post-secondary education opportunities abroad. Derek is a recipient of the UBC Westbrook Scholar designation (one of the most prestigious designations at UBC, recognizing the top 20 students in each academic year). His leadership charisma is also recognized by the Golden Key Canadian Student

Leader Award, which was reserved for one single Golden Key member across Canada during the year of Derek's presidency at UBC Golden Key. His dedication to student mentorship and community wellness has always been an endless source of inspiration for us as he continues to serve Golden Key and UBC to date. Derek's excellence in all three pillars of Golden Key is well evidenced, and we cannot feel more proud for having him as a cherished role model in our Honour Society.

**The Scholarship** For this academic year (2016/2017), the Zhang Scholarship offers a cash/cheque prize of \$500 CAD. The Scholarship will not be offered if no successful candidate can be identified. Funding for the Zhang Scholarship is made available owing to the admirable generosity of an anonymous donor ("the Donor"), toward which UBC Golden Key expresses our utmost gratitude.

**Eligibility** To be eligible to apply for the Zhang Scholarship, the applicant:

- Must be a Golden Key member (please indicate your Member ID in the application);
- Must be a UBC undergraduate student registered in at least 24 credits during the current 2016/2017 winter session; AND
- Must have taken at least 24 credits of coursework at UBC during the previous 2015/2016 winter session (graded-percentage courses only; courses taken on a Pass/Fail or Credit/D/Fail scheme do not qualify).

**Selection Process** Complete and qualified applications submitted to UBC Golden Key will be reviewed by an adjudicating committee comprised of Mr. Zhang and the Donor. The committee will rank applicants based on three dimensions, again in line with the three Golden Key pillars, each carrying a specific weight in the final comprehensive rating:

- Academics (30% weight): an objective evaluation of the applicant's academic accomplishments solely based on the percentage grade average (calculation will be based on the applicant's best 24 credits of graded coursework in the previous 2015/2016 winter session);

- Leadership (35% weight): an evaluation of the applicant's evidenced leadership skills and potential;
- Service (35% weight): an evaluation of the applicant's service contribution to UBC Golden Key, the University, the local community, and/or other documented works on a national or international scale.

A weighted score encompassing the three sub-scales will be computed for all qualified applicants. The applicant to receive the highest final rating will win the competition for the Scholarship.

**Application Guidelines** Please review the following guidelines carefully:

- All applications are due, including reference letters, at **11:59 pm (Vancouver local time) on May 1st, 2017** via email to: [gkscholarship@outlook.com](mailto:gkscholarship@outlook.com).
- A complete application must include:
  - ✓ A current CV or resume (please include your Golden Key Member ID or your application will be considered incomplete);
  - ✓ A current comprehensive transcript from UBC. Please log in to the Student Service Centre, go to "Your Grades Summary," make sure that you are in the "All Sessions" tab, then hit "Print" in the top right corner. You may choose to either print a physical copy and scan it back into your computer, or soft print it as an electronic document;
  - ✓ A personal statement not exceeding 1,000 words. In your writing, focus on what the three pillars of Golden Key mean to you, and what you have done to demonstrate your accomplishments along these lines; AND
  - ✓ One letter of reference. Your referee does not have to be affiliated with UBC and must not be an undergraduate student at UBC. We do not require reference letters to arrive in a sealed envelope. Upon receipt of the signed reference letter, please scan it into your computer. Alternatively, should your referee prefer, she/he may directly email the letter to us, stating clearly your full name and the Scholarship in the subject line.
- Only PDF applications will be accepted.
- We will confirm the receipt of complete and qualified applications by May 15th, 2017.
- The winner of the Scholarship will be contacted by the end of June, 2017.

Aside from this chapter scholarship, the Golden Key International Headquarters offers a host of scholarships, awards, and grants to excellent undergraduate, graduate, and alumni members worldwide, having awarded \$10 million to members in all fields of study. The preparation for the Zhang Scholarship application will equip you to apply for the Headquarters scholarships. We encourage you to look into these opportunities and make the most out of your lifelong Golden Key membership. To do this, please visit <http://www.goldenkey.org>, navigate to "Scholarships & Awards" on the menu bar, and select "Listing." All scholarships and awards are listed by their application deadlines. Please carefully review the description and requirements associated with each scholarship, award, and grant before submitting an application.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

- For issues regarding the Zhang Scholarship, email [gkscholarship@outlook.com](mailto:gkscholarship@outlook.com) (please note that questions to which an answer can be found in this document will not receive a reply);
- For local chapter contact information, visit <http://ubc.goldenkey.org/contact-us>;
- To contact the Golden Key International Headquarters and for assistance regarding your Golden Key Member ID, visit <https://goldenkey.org/contact-us>.

We look forward to receiving your application and wish you every success in your future endeavours.