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Victoria, BC, Canada – To honor Reliable Controls founder Roland Laird on the occasion of his retirement in 2019, Reliable Controls created a legacy award for computer science students in need at the University of Victoria (UVic).

The Reliable Controls Award in Computer Science commemorated Laird's outstanding contribution to the technology industry in Victoria with a \$25,000 endowment, which generates one or more annual bursaries to be awarded to undergraduate students entering or continuing in the Department of Computer Science, with preference given to students with demonstrated financial need.

"UVic annually provides us with a tremendously valuable resource—educated people who are in part the reason we are able to fulfill our vision of being people and technology our customers can rely on," says James Puritch, VP of Research and Development.

Reliable Controls has long held a relationship with UVic, both through co-op programs and as a supplier of building automation technology for the university's facilities. Nearly three-quarters of employees in the Research and Development department alone attended UVic, estimates Puritch, including himself.

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Jane Potentier, president of the UVic Foundation, says the primary objective of the school's endowment is to generate enough investment earnings to fund the designated programs and maintain its value in perpetuity. Reliable Controls contributes to the endowment each year, and recently Laird matched the initial endowment with a personal donation. This generous donation from Laird increases the capacity of the award to provide financial assistance to even more students in the faculty of Computer Science.

Given that UVic alumni are a large part of the Reliable Controls team, the company is pleased to meaningfully contribute to the development of the next generation of engineers and computer scientists.

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