

Douglas M Johnston – MASC Scholarship in Marine Affairs – 2021



Ela Cichowski

Ela graduated from the University of Alberta (U of A), completing a BSc with a major in Biological Sciences and minor in Anthropology. Throughout her undergraduate degree, she has been fortunate enough to participate in multiple summer field courses and the fall semester at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC). In conducting independent research projects for each course in addition to her volunteer research experiences through the U of A, she has had the chance to gain firsthand experience with coastal and marine field work, data collection and analysis, and scientific communication.

Her wide-ranging academic interests and newfound appreciation for all things marine have cemented the notion of a career in marine affairs and have thus led her to pursue the interdisciplinary Master of Marine Management (MMM) program at Dalhousie. She finds the social and ecological aspects of marine conservation to be especially interesting and is looking forward to furthering her understanding in how marine protected areas (MPAs) can be used as collaborative tools for the protection and preservation of marine resources.