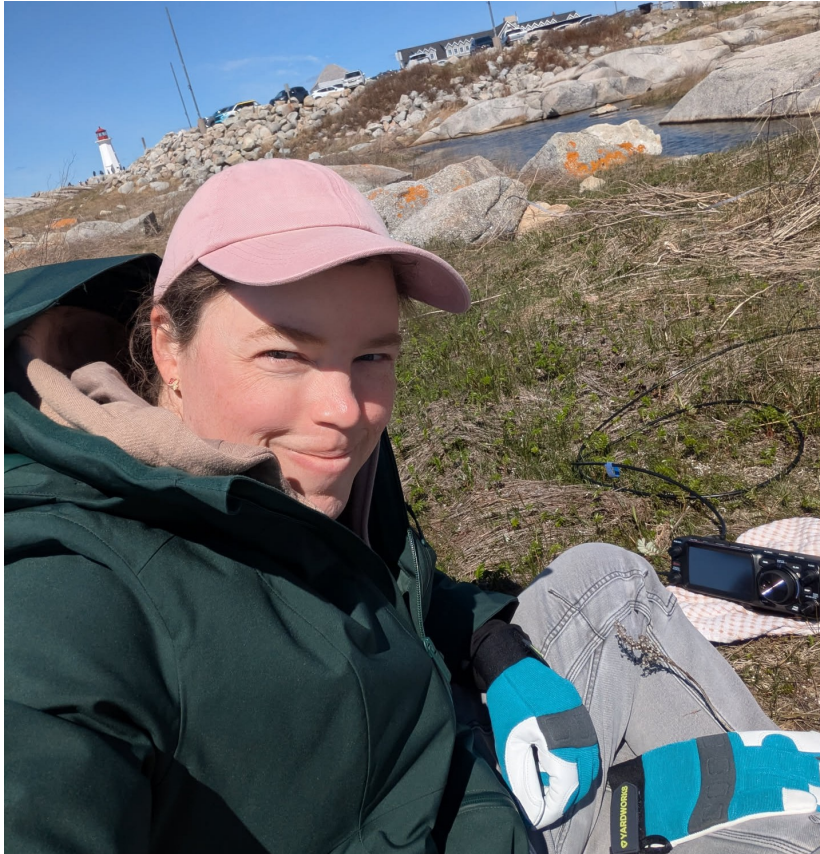


2026 Brit Fader Scholarship Awarded to Sarah Aspen, VA1ASP



Sarah Aspen grew up in Atlanta, where she received her first amateur radio licence at the age of 12. She's lived a peripatetic life, crossing the US several times as well as visits to Central America, Europe, and Asia, working as a paramedic and software engineer. Over the summer, she visited 31 lighthouses and many parks around Nova Scotia with her radio, earning her the ARLHS Bronze Activator award, POTA Platinum Activator award, and the POTA Rover Cheetah award for making 10 contacts from 15 parks in a single day. Sarah also participated in the HARC Field Day activities, and coordinated an activation of George's Island to celebrate Canada Parks Day. The values of service and self-sufficiency first instilled in her by ham radio culture have led her to the Master of Information program at Dalhousie University, where she hopes to learn community engagement and information management skills to improve equality and resiliency wherever life takes her.