Arts Facts
The Faculty of Arts is a community of top-ranked graduate programs spread across diverse research and teaching units that include museums, creative and performing arts, humanities, social sciences, and accredited professional programs, united in passion for expanding and deepening our understanding of the world we live in. Whether Arts scholars work with local communities, or explore issues such as climate change, world music, or international development, their research has a deep and broad impact on the local and international stage. The Faculty of Arts has 25 academic units that, collectively, offer some 80 graduate programs. Information on each of our programs can be found on the websites of the relevant Department or School. For links to each of our units’ web pages, please visit us at www.arts.ubc.ca.

Understanding the Human Condition
To be human is to wonder, to seek meaning, to discover. Faculty of Arts’ graduate students create and disseminate knowledge in the Humanities, Social Sciences and the Creative and Performing Arts through teaching, research, professional practice, artistic production and performance in the context of freedom of inquiry and intellectual curiosity.
The Faculty of Arts features world-class professors dedicated to supporting graduate students’ professional and intellectual development. We invite prospective students to explore our program webpages to discover the many opportunities on offer for graduate education at the master’s and doctoral level in our academic and professional programs. We encourage graduate students to pursue their passions in research, and to be open to novel and interdisciplinary ways of advancing knowledge in their chosen fields.

— Dr. Gage Averill, Dean

Faculty of Arts

www.arts.ubc.ca/arts-students/graduate-students

The Faculty, which is at the centre of one of North America’s best research-intensive universities, produces internationally engaged, world-leading scholarship across the humanities, social sciences and the creative and performing arts. Comprising nearly 20% of the university’s total number of professors and graduate students, the excellence of the faculty is reflected in its outstanding performance in research grant success (raising over $20 million dollars in funding annually) and high profile publications, exhibitions, and performances.

Graduate students are a key part of our success and we provide millions of dollars in funding for graduate students in the form of University and Faculty funded scholarships.

Our Vision

In Arts, we study the humanities and social sciences. We seek knowledge that solves practical problems. We study knowledge for its own sake, which is the heart of new, world-changing, innovations. We teach our students how to identify and solve problems, how to think analytically and critically, how to reason convincingly, how to write and how to speak coherently and logically. We educate artists and thinkers, politicians and political activists, social scientists, and entrepreneurs—producing leaders who will go on and shape the world.

Our Facilities

The UBC library has extensive collections, especially in Arts, and houses Canada’s greatest Asian language library. Arts graduate programs enjoy the use of state-of-the-art laboratories, the world-renowned Museum of Anthropology and the Belkin Contemporary Art Gallery (admission is free for our graduate students). World-class performance spaces include theatres, concert venues and a performing arts centre.

Admissions

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies establishes common minimum admission requirements. Your graduate program may have additional requirements. Please refer to the Arts website or the program website for details.

Financial Support

Four Year Doctoral Fellowships are available to UBC’s best PhD students. Faculty of Arts students are also supported through additional merit-based scholarships and through academic employment opportunities such as research assistantships and teaching assistantships designed to support their academic and professional development.

Grad School @ UBC

UBC offers over 300 master’s and doctoral degree programs in nearly every academic field imaginable. Discover more. www.grad.ubc.ca/arts

The University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the 40 best universities of the world. Surrounded by the beauty of the Canadian West, UBC embraces bold new ways of thinking that attract exceptional students and faculty. It is a place where innovative ideas are nurtured in a globally connected research community, providing unparalleled opportunities to learn, discover and contribute.