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- UBC is recognized globally as one of the most sustainable campuses in the world and a model for sustainable cities.

LIFE IN VANCOUVER

- Vancouver is an energetic, safe and multicultural city, frequently rated as one of the most livable cities in the world.
- Our natural surroundings are spectacular. The West Coast lifestyle emphasizes healthy living and balances hard work with fantastic outdoor recreation.
- UBC itself is situated on a peninsula, surrounded by water and forest habitat.
- The Vancouver area has the most temperate climate in Canada—it snows in the mountains, but very rarely in the city.
- Vancouver’s arts and culture scene is booming—a gallery, performance space or café is around every corner.
- Metro Vancouver is home to a vibrant tech sector, and a highly educated, youthful, and ethnically diverse population.
- Vancouver boasts a lot of green space. Stanley Park, located in the city’s downtown core, is about one-fifth larger than Central Park. It is also almost entirely surrounded by water.
- With more than 311 kilometers of bike routes, cycling is one of the most convenient and affordable ways to explore Vancouver. Seaside Greenway is the city’s longest route, from downtown to Spanish Banks, near the UBC campus.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All incoming UBC Vancouver doctoral students will receive funding of at least $22k/year for four years. Outstanding applicants can expect more—the average PhD funding is ~$30k/year.

- Many scholarships and teaching and research assistantships are available to master’s and doctoral students.
- More than $65 million in merit-based award funding is distributed to students each year through UBC Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

GRAD SCHOOL FACTS

- Depending on the program, curriculum options include: thesis/research-based, course-based, project(s), or practicum.
- Approximately 10,200 graduate students make up 20% of the student body.
- UBC has more than 500 partner universities around the world and 35% of graduate students are international.
- Extensive services for students are available, including health and wellbeing, housing, career assistance, and fitness and recreational facilities.
- There are two dedicated graduate student residential colleges on campus: Green College and St. John’s College.
- A unique Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program allows students to combine three fields into one degree at the master’s or doctoral level. www.igrs.ubc.ca
- The Faculty’s Indigenous Specialist connects prospective Indigenous students to the people and programs at the University that are able to support their success.
- The Graduate Pathways to Success (GPS) program offers more than 70 non-credit professional and personal development workshops and events for graduate students annually.

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