

EXPLORE UBC GRADUATE STUDIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

UBC is one of the world's great public universities, encouraging bold thinking, curiosity and initiative, so our students can realize their greatest potential. We hold a reputation for excellence in advanced research and learning, supported by world-class faculty, postdoctoral fellows, students and research facilities across all major academic disciplines.

WHY CHOOSE UBC

- › As one of the world's leading universities, UBC creates an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world.
- › Our graduate community is vibrant, innovative, and focused on exploring the world's most fascinating questions and solving our most pressing problems across almost every imaginable field.
- › 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.



ADMISSIONS

UBC Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies admits excellent students with bachelor's and master's degrees from around the world. In some instances, direct entry into a doctoral program from a bachelor's degree is possible.

Application deadlines, admissions requirements, and other criteria vary by degree program. Check with your desired program for more information.

grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students

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 approximately \$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.ubc.ca/awards

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Our cost of living estimator is a great place to learn more about typical costs for a student living in Vancouver. These include costs for tuition, accommodation, utilities, transport and food. Build your budget to assess your finances and make a plan to realize your educational endeavours.

grad.ubc.ca/estimator

GRAD SCHOOL FACTS

- › Depending on the program, curriculum options include: thesis/research-based, course-based, project(s), or practicum.
- › Approximately 11,350 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. isgp.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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All students have access to Canada's excellent health care system and support services at UBC. Government visa programs may allow students to work in Canada after graduation.

students.ubc.ca/international

TYPES OF PROGRAMS

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Doctoral and Master's (Thesis-based)

- In-depth research
- A thesis is required: dissertation (PhD) or Master's thesis
- Coursework in master's is required, and is common in doctoral programs (generally in the earlier years)
- Completion when coursework and individual research component completed. Some flexibility on program length.

Master's (Course-based)

- Coursework within set curricula (required and elective courses)
- Usually set program length
- Often a final project, capstone, or graduating paper
- Cohort-based
- Completion after all required coursework has been concluded

OTHER GRADUATE-LEVEL PROGRAMS

Graduate Diplomas

- Normally focused on professional practice skills
- Set curricula, requiring 16-28 course credits
- May have online or hybrid delivery
- Some are combined with master's or doctoral degrees

Graduate Certificates

- Shorter program, often focused on career development
- Set curricula, requiring 9-15 credits of required and elective courses
- Often online or hybrid delivery
- Some may "ladder" to Master's programs with additional study

