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 westcoast 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 of 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.

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 has links with seven Nobel laureates and our internationally renowned faculty includes 187 current Canada Research Chairs.
- In 2015-16, UBC earned almost $600 million in research funding and has created 180+ spin-off companies.
- UBC has one of the largest academic libraries in Canada.
- UBC has recently invested $1.3 billion in buildings and infrastructure, including: Biodiversity Research Centre, Bioenergy Research and Demonstration Facility, Centre for Brain Health, and the Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability. New buildings have been built for UBC’s law school, business school, earth sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, alumni centre, and student union. In addition, UBC is building several sports facilities and new housing complexes.
- UBC’s commitment to sustainability has been recognized by numerous local, national and international awards, including a second consecutive STARS Gold rating for sustainability in 2015.

Faculties

UBC offers master’s and doctoral degrees within 12 faculties:

- Allard School of Law,
- Applied Science,
- Arts,
- Dentistry,
- Education,
- Forestry,
- Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies,
- Land & Food Systems,
- Medicine,
- Pharmaceutical Sciences,
- Sauder School of Business,
- and Science.
Grad School Facts

- Depending on the program, curriculum options include: thesis/research-based, course-based, project(s), or practicum.
- ~10,000 graduate students make up 20% of the student body.
- UBC has more than 500 partner universities around the world, and 30% of graduate students are from outside Canada.
- Extensive services for students are available, including housing, health services, career services, 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.isgp.ubc.ca
- The Faculty’s Aboriginal Student Coordinator connects prospective Aboriginal 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. www.students.ubc.ca/international
- Government visa programs may allow students to work in Canada after graduation.

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

Admissions

UBC Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies admits excellent students with bachelor’s and master’s degrees from around the world. Some programs admit directly into a doctoral program from a bachelor’s degree, and some admit students throughout the year.

To apply, visit www.grad.ubc.ca/apply. Application deadlines, grade point average requirements and other criteria vary by degree program. Check with your desired program for more information.

www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students

Financial support

All incoming doctoral students are considered for Four Year Fellowships and other scholarships. Students can also apply for many other awards. Many Canadian Tri-Council award winners receive top-up funding. Many programs offer guaranteed financial support, including teaching and research assistantships. All together, more than $50 million in award funding is available.

www.grad.ubc.ca/awards

In choosing grad school at UBC, you will join one of the finest communities of scholars and researchers in the world. Our success is the result of our outstanding faculty and our exceptional students. Graduate students are major contributors to the research discoveries that serve our communities at home and abroad, and deserve the highest level of service and support. Graduate students also need to develop professional skills to enhance their future careers in diverse occupations. Our extraordinary program provides these opportunities. We encourage you to join us and discover all that you can accomplish.

- Dr. Susan Porter, Dean and Vice-Provost, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies