

GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS: ORIENTATION 2018



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

In support of the University of British Columbia's mission to be one of the world's very best universities, the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) strives to elevate achievement and enhance the education of graduate students in a global context, providing:

- Responsive and responsible administration that is transparent, consistent and equitable;
- An intellectual and social environment that enhances the quality of graduate education, based on the values of excellence and mutual respect;
- Superior service with activities and support programs for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and staff;
- Outstanding opportunities for professional development that enhance career options and encourage graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to contribute positively to a civil and sustainable society.

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Community Building

Graduate Student Community Forum

community.grad.ubc.ca (requires CWL login and registration)

The graduate student community is an online network for newly admitted and current UBC graduate students to meet, exchange ideas, discuss topics of mutual concern, and explore career and professional development opportunities.

Student & Alumni Stories

www.grad.ubc.ca/stories

UBC has over 10,000 graduate students including close to 3,500 international students. Browse our catalogue of student and alumni profiles and find out what other graduate students are studying, why they chose UBC, what they like about Vancouver, and what they're doing post-degree.

Student Support and Professional Development

Student Support and Services

www.grad.ubc.ca/campus-community/student-support-services

Links to resources for Academic Support Services, Health and Wellbeing Support, Conflict Resolution, Family Support, Financial Support, Fitness and Recreation, International Students, Supervision, and more.

Graduate Pathways to Success

www.grad.ubc.ca/pathways

The GPS program is a palette of non-credit workshops, seminars, and other activities designed to complement your graduate program's academic curriculum and mentorship experience. Visit the GPS page for details on:

- workshops and events,
- the annual 3MT Competition where grad students have just 3 minutes to explain the breadth and significance of their research project to a non-specialist audience,
- the Graduate Game Plan, which provides advice for students on strategies for attaining academic and career success, and
- links to other UBC professional development opportunities: teaching, career, statistics, research support, and more.

Resources for Aboriginal Students

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/aboriginal-students>

There are many resources for Aboriginal students including information on the Aboriginal community at UBC, workshops, social gatherings, ceremonies, funding, housing, and more.

Funding Opportunities and Scholarly Initiatives

Award Opportunities

www.grad.ubc.ca/scholarships-awards-funding/award-opportunities

Find resources and information for award applicants and recipients, learn about Research and Teaching Assistantships, and search for scholarships, awards, and other funding support in a comprehensive database, searchable by citizenship, eligibility, degree level, applicant/award status.

Public Scholars Initiative

www.grad.ubc.ca/psi

The UBC PSI is designed to support exceptional doctoral students as they strive for purposeful social contribution, produce new and creative forms of scholarship and dissertations, and explore diverse career pathways. With the PSI, UBC seeks to assist PhD students as they rise to address complex challenges in new, collaborative, and engaged ways. Funding of up to \$20,000 per student is available to support innovative dissertation scholarship which the student would otherwise be unable to pursue. Funding is awarded based on the applicant's past accomplishments and future promise and project's relationship to PSI goals.

Friedman Award for Scholars in Health

www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/friedman-award-scholars-health

The Friedman Award for Scholars in Health is a one-of-a-kind funding opportunity. Offering up to \$50,000 each, the purpose of the Friedman Award is to support graduate students (and medical residents) so that they can pursue a learning/research opportunity abroad to further their career or to bring new perspectives to the education they have already received. The Friedman Award is open to students in the area of health. 'Health' is interpreted very broadly, and includes health promotion and disease prevention, mental health research, laboratory sciences related to medicine or health, public health, health services research, or any area intended to impact human health. Funding is awarded based on the applicant's past accomplishments and future promise, the nature and quality of the learning opportunity, and the potential impact of the learning opportunity on the field of health.

Program Navigation

Student Responsibilities

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/student-responsibilities

Review the Student Responsibilities section of the G+PS website for information on academic honesty and standards, continuous registration, and intellectual property.

Supervision & Advising

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/supervision-advising

Developing productive relationships with your research supervisor and supervisory committee is one of the most important and rewarding aspects of being a graduate student. Review the Supervision & Advising section of the G+PS website for information on the research supervisor, the supervisory committee, and expectations for both students and supervisors. As well, the Handbook of Graduate Supervision has a wealth of information on promoting positive supervisory relationships and managing problems that may arise.

Managing Your Program

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/managing-your-program

You can find information on choosing, registering, adding, auditing, and dropping courses, transferring to another degree program, going to another university as a visiting student, policies for leave of absence and vacation, withdrawing from a program, program extensions, comprehensive exams, advancing to doctoral candidacy, and more.

Deadlines

www.grad.ubc.ca/deadlines

Search for deadlines specific to graduate students, including Awards, Thesis Submission, Doctoral Exams, and Graduation deadlines.

Dissertation & Thesis Preparation

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/dissertation-thesis-preparation

This is a great resource for graduate students who are preparing their theses. You will find information on the structure of UBC theses and dissertations, ethical issues, and formatting requirements.

Doctoral Exam Guide

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/final-doctoral-exam/final-doctoral-examination-guide

At UBC, the Final Doctoral Exam is an integral part of doctoral degrees. This guide will help doctoral candidates plan for the doctoral exam.

Graduation

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/graduation

At UBC, degrees are granted four times a year: February, May, September, and November. There are two graduation ceremonies, May and November. For degrees granted in February and May, students attend the May ceremony, and for degrees granted in September and November, students attend the November ceremony. This is called rolling graduation because degrees are rolled out throughout the year (four times). Although degrees are granted four times a year, parchments are issued only at the two ceremonies in May and November. In order to be granted your degree, you must apply for graduation through the Student Service Centre during the graduation application period, even if you will not attend a ceremony.

Program Completion

www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/graduation/program-completion

Provided you have met all other degree requirements, your program will close as of the date on your thesis receipt (for programs requiring a thesis/dissertation), or on the Program Completion memo that for non-thesis programs send to confirm that you've completed all requirements.

Contact Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies | www.grad.ubc.ca

- Welcome Centre | 6371 Crescent Road, room 170. We're located on the Flag Pole Plaza end of campus on the corner of West Mall and Crescent Road. Street-level entrance. Office hours: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.
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