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Dear Graduate Advisor or Program Manager:

Are there students applying to your program who could benefit from and contribute to the experience of living at Green College? If so, we would be glad to assist you in recruiting them to your program, and to have your assistance in recruiting them for the College. Green College is committed to working with academic units across the University to ensure that we recruit, retain and support the very best of graduate and postdoctoral talent at UBC.

A Bit About Green College

Green College is a graduate residence on the UBC campus, with a **mandate to promote exchange between academic disciplines** at the graduate and postdoctoral levels. Since 1993, more than a thousand UBC graduate students have taken advantage of the College's unique combination of west coast living conditions, extracurricular academic programs, and broad array of social, artistic and recreational opportunities. As members of "a dynamic community of scholars dedicated to the multidisciplinary ideal" (Cecil Green, Founder), they have enriched their own intellectual lives and brought insights from cross-disciplinary and extracurricular conversations to bear on the work they do in their home departments and programs.

The College provides accommodation for around 85 graduate students at the master's and doctoral levels, and another 15 places for postdoctoral scholars and visiting faculty. The maximum length of residency for members varies by program, and ranges from one to four years. No distinction is made between "professional" and "academic" programs; students in the Juris Doctor program are also eligible. Residency is offered incrementally in 12-month leases ("housing contract"), typically beginning in September.

Application Process

Students may apply for residence at the College at any stage of their UBC academic career. Applications may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed monthly by the College's Membership Committee. Student applicants are required to submit:

- a personal statement outlining their interdisciplinary and extracurricular interests and their readiness to invest personally in the College's ideal of a "living" academic community,
- ✤ a Curriculum Vitae,
- ✤ academic transcripts (which may be copied from your files),
- two academic letters of reference, and
- ◆ a personal letter of reference attesting to the suitability of the applicant for the College setting.

Postdoctoral candidates have a slightly different set of required documents. All of our application requirements are outlined on our website: <u>https://greencollege.ubc.ca/how-apply-residency</u>

How We Can Help with Top-Ranked Recruits

The College can help you with the recruitment of top-ranked incoming graduate students through three main initiatives:

I) Fast-tracking Membership for Top Ranked Incoming Students

Green College welcomes **up to TWO nominations** *per graduate degree program* each year (i.e., two per master's program, two per doctoral program), for fast-tracking through our membership selection process. The applicant should:

- be entering the first year of the program in 2022-23
- apply for residence at the College in the usual way, except they should:
 - substitute their personal letter of reference with a recommendation from the program chair, touching if possible on the applicant's interdisciplinary prowess and/or potential.

Please note, however, that there is no *guarantee* of admission and that in order to be fast-tracked in this way an applicant's **file must be complete at the College by May 15**.

2) Green College Entrance Scholarships

Applicants for admission to Green College who will begin their UBC degree programs in 2022-23 and within programs that fall under G+PS will automatically be considered for two awards, tenable in each case for one year (non-renewable):

- R. Howard Webster Graduate Fellowship (15+ awards of at least \$2,000 each) and,
- if eligible, the N.H. Benson International Graduate Student Award (one award of at least \$2,000).

3) Discounted Accommodations for Prospective Students

Guest House reservations made by a department for a prospective graduate student will receive 20% off the room rate for stays at the College of two or more nights (if received prior to the May 15 deadline).

Please contact our Membership Coordinator at <u>gc.membership@ubc.ca</u> for any questions you may have about the Green College application process or for booking stays in our Guest House. And thank you for working with Green College!

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