



**PROSPECTIVE
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT GUIDE
2022**





"I'm extremely lucky to have met some incredible people at UBC who will have a lasting impact on my life. I wouldn't be able to list all the names - there are too many."

BENJAMIN P.
Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
West Kelowna, Canada
Health and Exercise Sciences

"I have no doubt you'll find a community here that will feel like home and help you be the absolute best version of yourself. UBC has a place and opportunities for everyone - you just have to be open to trying new things."

CAMILA J.
San José, Costa Rica
Computer Science

Everyone who appears in this publication is a student, faculty member, staff member, or alumnus from the UBC community. Some of the images were taken before the COVID-19 pandemic, and all photography was captured following public health guidelines.

Both UBC campuses feature bilingual street signs in English and the languages of our First Nations hosts: nsyilxcən, the language of the Syilx people, on the Okanagan campus (shown here) and hən'qəmirə'm, the language of the Musqueam people, on the Vancouver campus.

WHAT MOVES YOU?

From scientific breakthroughs to social movements, the world continues to change at a rapid pace. As a UBC student, you'll have the opportunity to create positive energy, to be a force for good, and to be part of the momentum that's moving society forward. And with two stunning campuses in vibrant cities surrounded by nature, you'll also have plenty of opportunities to pause and reflect on what energizes you.

Wherever your journey leads, the UBC community will be with you all the way.



RHIANNON W.
Armstrong, Canada
English

“UBC values the diverse and multicultural backgrounds of each student. It makes me feel like I am an essential piece of the UBC jigsaw puzzle - that the community needs me to make it strong and make it UBC.”

JIMMY C.
Lopburi, Thailand
Psychology

LET'S GO!

Consistently ranked among the best universities in the world, UBC is also one of the most welcoming. Our community prides itself on our warmth, openness, and commitment to making the world a better place through collaboration and collective action. Climate change, social justice, global health, corporate accountability - at UBC you'll have opportunities to consider and confront pressing global challenges. Join us as we work together on solutions.

Tuum est. It's yours.

#1 most international university in North America

1st university in Canada to offer a bachelor's degree in Indigenous language fluency

#3 university in the world for climate action and impact

Top 25 public university in the world

Top 40 research university in the world

The UBC community includes students, faculty, and staff from across Canada and more than 150 countries. We're committed to building a community in which equity and inclusion are embedded in all areas of academic, work, and campus life.

The campus is 20 minutes from Kelowna's city centre and one hour from two world-class ski resorts.

OKANAGAN CAMPUS

Close community, stunning nature

UBC Okanagan is located within the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation, whose spirit of stewardship is maintained in UBC's respect for sustainability and the land. Situated in Kelowna, the modern campus offers a breadth of innovative academic programs along with unforgettable urban experiences and year-round outdoor adventures throughout the sunny Okanagan Valley.

10,459 undergraduate students from 105 countries

222,000 people in Kelowna

Kelowna is one of Canada's fastest-growing¹ and most entrepreneurial² cities.

¹ BC Stats | ² Canadian Federation of Independent Business

The campus is 30 minutes from Vancouver's city centre and a short drive to several ski destinations, including Whistler, one of North America's top-rated ski resorts.

VANCOUVER CAMPUS

On the ocean, surrounded by mountains

UBC Vancouver is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. Nestled next to the Pacific Ocean, the campus provides endless opportunities to experience a cosmopolitan city, breathtaking natural wonders, entertaining excursions, and an environment of academic excellence.

46,322 undergraduate students from 140 countries

2,737,000 people in Vancouver

Vancouver is considered one of the best cities in the world for quality of life.³

³ Mercer 2019 Quality of Living Rankings

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS

The best way to find out what energizes you is to try new things. It also helps you meet people, make memories, and bring balance to your academic experiences. UBC offers many opportunities to take part in activities and events of all types, including:

OVER 500 CLUBS AND COURSE UNIONS

Pursue an existing passion or nurture a new one. If the club you're looking for doesn't exist, find a few friends and start it up.

STUDENT SERVICES

Find support related to accessibility, safety, career development, finances, health and wellness, and more.

RECREATIONAL OR COMPETITIVE SPORTS

Make new friends by taking part in fun intramural activities or cheer on our varsity teams, the Okanagan Heat and the Vancouver Thunderbirds.

CULTURAL EVENTS AND SPACES

Celebrate UBC's diversity at the Global Collegium on the Okanagan campus or Global Lounge on the Vancouver campus. If you're an Indigenous student looking for community, visit the Aboriginal Centre on the Okanagan campus or the First Nations Longhouse on the Vancouver campus.

"UBC is a great place to rediscover yourself and explore different life paths. Ensure the exploration process is full of excitement and adventure and don't allow yourself to be frustrated because your plans keep evolving."

RUTENDO M.
Harare, Zimbabwe
Electrical Engineering

"Lean into the uncertainty that comes with the transition to university. You'll meet people you never expected to meet, get involved in communities you'd never seen yourself joining, make memories you could never have dreamed imaginable, and have the time of your life doing it all."

ANNA S.
Austin, USA
Global Resource Systems

Across both UBC campuses you'll find Indigenous art. Shown here is the Musqueam Post, s7i:4qəy qeqən, on the Vancouver campus, by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr.

LAYER YOUR LEARNING

Lots of important learning happens outside the classroom, too. UBC has many opportunities for co-operative and community-based learning and academic exchanges to gain hands-on experience that adds another dimension to your education, career aspirations, and personal life.

"I initially got excited about UBC because of its interdisciplinary first-year Science One program. I also loved the proximity to the mountains and the ocean."

MADLINE E.
Tsimshian from Lax Kw'alaams
Toronto, Canada
Biophysics

ADRIENNE K.
Abbotsford, Canada
Research Assistant
Cembrowski Lab

FORWARD THINKING

UBC embraces interdisciplinary learning, innovative programs, and modern teaching methods that help you become an independent thinker. In fact, UBC has more integrated first-year programs than any other Canadian university. Here are just a few.

First-year study options

ARTS ONE & THE COORDINATED ARTS PROGRAM

Choose Arts One for a writing-intensive program with a humanities focus, or the Coordinated Arts Program to explore subjects in one of five streams: Media Studies; Global Citizens; Individual and Society; Law and Society; or Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics.

LAND ONE

Get hands-on experience in small classes while learning about real-world issues through this integrated program for students in the Faculty of Forestry and the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.

SCIENCE ONE & FIRST YEAR FOCUS

Explore biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics in an integrated format through Science One, or get a foundation in computational sciences in a cohort-based environment through the First Year Focus program.

VANTAGE ONE

Earn first-year degree credits while you develop your English language skills in a cohort-based, 11-month program that prepares you for second year.

Interdisciplinary studies

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

Learn about protecting and managing our natural environment through analysis of urban development, agricultural practices, mineral and oil extraction, and fishery and forestry practices.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Explore the dynamics of globalization and examine international politics while drawing on diverse disciplines, including political science, history, sociology, and anthropology.

DATA SCIENCE

Learn how to impact society using statistics and computer science and work towards a career as a business and data analyst, data architect, or statistician.

MEDIA STUDIES

Prepare for a career in media by exploring eight arts disciplines and computer science through theory, research, and application.

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS

Learn how to analyze the rules that govern us, examine decision-making in a globalized marketplace, and develop informed opinions about our world.

Dual-degree programs

UBC SAUDER-UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DUAL DEGREE

Immerse yourself in two distinct academic and cultural environments and earn two degrees: a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC Sauder School of Business and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Hong Kong.

SCIENCES PO & UBC DUAL BACHELOR OF ARTS

Study in Canada and France and earn degrees from UBC and France's Sciences Po, a research-intensive university specializing in social sciences and humanities.

BACHELOR & MASTER OF MANAGEMENT DUAL DEGREE

Pursue a subject you're passionate about and concurrently earn a Master of Management.



"I started at UBC as a very shy student. Once I started talking with fellow classmates, it opened me up and I had opportunities to meet people from around the world and across BC."

MADDIE R.
Saskatoon, Canada
Health and Exercise Sciences

44 undergraduate degree programs

6,282 faculty members

98% full-time faculty have PhDs

\$672.7 million in research funding

FIND YOUR FIELD

UBC offers degrees in every major field of study, with opportunities for specialization, co-op learning, and personalizing your education, on campus and off.

A FULL LIST OF OPTIONS

including baccalaureate, professional, and graduate degrees, is available online.

FIND YOUR FIELD ONLINE

Use our programs page to find your field online. Search your interests, explore a topic or program, get details at a glance or dive deeper. We have the tools to help you find the programs you need to pursue your passion.


Find by

Filter by campus

Vancouver
 Okanagan

Business and economics (17) ▾

Earth, environment, and sustainability (31) ▲

Name	Campus	Length
➤ Archaeology	Vancouver	4 years
▼ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urbanism	NEW Vancouver	4 years
 <p>Take your passion for design and urban environments to the next level in UBC's Design in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism program. Through small studios and intimate seminars, you'll learn how design impacts society and the environment, and how the shaping of space can effect cultural change.</p> <p>View full program</p>		
➤ Atmospheric Science	Vancouver	4 years
➤ Combined Major in Science	Vancouver	4 years
➤ Earth and Environmental Sciences	Okanagan	4 years
➤ Earth and Ocean Sciences	Vancouver	4 years
➤ Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	Okanagan	4 years
➤ Environmental Chemistry	Okanagan	4 years

Looking for program suggestions?

Search your interests

Explore by topic or program

Get details at a glance

Dive deeper to learn more

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to UBC by January 15, 2022

Or by **December 1, 2021** to be considered for entrance scholarships.

1 CHOOSE YOUR DEGREE AND CAMPUS
When you complete your application, you will have the opportunity to select your first and second choice of degree. The degrees you choose can be in different faculties and on different campuses.

2 REVIEW THE REQUIREMENTS
Make sure you meet UBC's general admission requirements and degree-specific requirements, and can demonstrate English language competency.

3 COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION AND PAY THE FEE
Give yourself plenty of time to complete the personal profile section - it plays an important role in the university's admission and awards decisions.

Fee for Canadian citizens and permanent residents: **\$71.75**

Fee for international students who require a study permit: **\$120.75**

All figures are in Canadian dollars. Dates are subject to change.
For updates, visit



"UBC is a hub of the most diverse individuals who make your time here rewarding and insightful. Getting out there and connecting with people really helped me find community and feel part of something bigger."

ELVINA S.
Kazan, Russia
Commerce

"There is a wealth of supports and services in place that I know I can go to if I need any kind of help. I've turned to Enrolment Services quite frequently to get advice on course selection and other degree-related choices."

JESSIE C.
Kingston, Canada
Behavioural Neuroscience

UBC's network of libraries on both campuses contains over 6 million volumes, providing space and resources to study, research, and collaborate.

WRITING YOUR PERSONAL PROFILE

UBC also considers your experiences beyond academics. That's where the personal profile section of the online application comes in. It's a chance for you to tell the university what you're most proud of and what you've learned from your experiences. Personal profile questions require short written responses of 50 to 200 words.

3 TIPS

1

Tell us what you've learned from your experiences and accomplishments, don't just list them.

2

Be authentic and tell us what you want to say, not what you think we want to hear.

3

Use details to provide context and elaborate on your answers.

For more tips on writing your personal profile



"The transition from high school to university is a big step, but I feel like I found a place that I belong. UBC has such an open and welcoming community with so many opportunities to meet new people and try new things."

AINSLEY H.
Burnaby, Canada
Natural Resources Conservation

AKANSHA B.
New Delhi, India
Commerce

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to UBC, you must meet our general admission requirements and degree-specific requirements, and demonstrate English language competency. Your degree-specific requirements depend on where you went to high school and which UBC campus you plan to attend.

HOW UBC MAKES ADMISSION DECISIONS

UBC's admission process is **competitive** and **comparative**. No matter what degree you apply for, UBC will broadly evaluate your academic history. All your Grade 11 (junior-level) and Grade 12 (senior-level) courses will be considered in the admission decision, though not all grades will be used in the calculation of your admission average.

Based on the degree you apply for, UBC will also do a core assessment of your grades from academic Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses that fall within related subject categories. If you complete a course at both the Grade 11 and Grade 12 level, emphasis is placed on the more senior-level course.



"There is someone to support you every step of the way. From residence advisors to academic advisors, counsellors, and even professors - everyone wants to see you succeed and will go out of their way to help if you ask for it."

KAILA S.
Delta, Canada
Civil Engineering

ROHINI G.
Hyderabad, India
Economics

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

To study at UBC, you must meet the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS). One way to meet the ELAS is to achieve a minimum score on a recognized English proficiency test, such as the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Test, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

THINK BEYOND UBC

UBC has a vast network of alumni around the world who are actively contributing to their communities in every field imaginable.

350,000 alumni in 148 countries

71 Rhodes Scholars

8 Nobel Prize winners

3 Canadian Prime Ministers



ANNA M.

Reporter, IndigiNews

First Nations and Indigenous Studies, 2015

Opaskwayak Cree Nation

From Calgary, Canada

Living in Nanaimo, Canada

“My time at UBC opened my heart and my eyes to the world, and I would encourage anyone who is considering attending UBC to take a leap, push yourself outside of your comfort zone, and open your heart, your eyes, and your mind to the beauty and complexity of the world.”

NENE A.

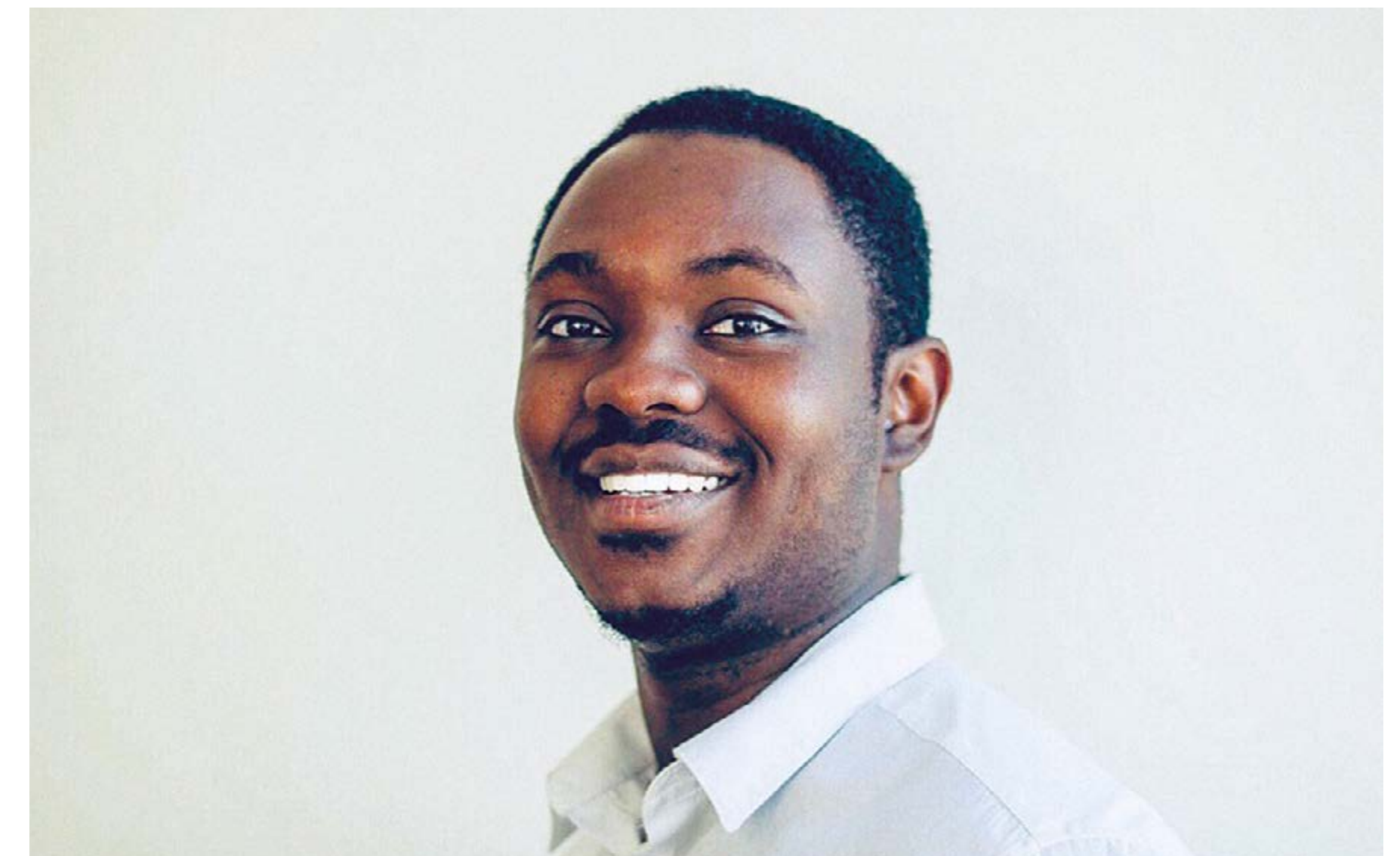
Artificial Intelligence Research

Bachelor of Science in Economics, 2017

From Accra, Ghana

Living in Vancouver, Canada

“UBC is a world-class institution where you can define not only your long-term career, but the impact you intend to have locally and globally. The resources and people are the perfect mix of empathy and excellence - you will not regret the decision to come here.”



BUDGETING FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR

A UBC education is a valuable investment that will pay dividends throughout your life. UBC's tuition compares favourably with those of other top-ranked universities around the world.

AWARDS FOR CANADIAN STUDENTS

UBC works with prospective students and their families to ensure that no eligible Canadian citizen is prevented from attending the university for financial reasons alone. With the help of donors, UBC provides scholarships, bursaries, and career development initiatives to outstanding Canadian undergraduate students.

AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

UBC makes available scholarships, awards, research grants, and career development initiatives from non-public sources to outstanding international undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership qualities.

ONLINE COST CALCULATOR

Use our online cost calculator to refine your estimate and plan your finances for first year.

<p>Campus *</p> <input type="text" value="Please select"/>	
<p>Program *</p> <input type="text" value="Please select"/>	
<p>Citizenship *</p> <input type="text" value="Please select"/>	
<p>Where is your permanent home? *</p> <input type="text" value="Please select"/>	
<p>Where will you live during the school year? *</p> <input type="text" value="Please select"/>	
<p>How will you be travelling to and from UBC?</p> <input type="text" value="Please select"/>	
<p><i>* indicates a required field</i></p>	
<p>Will you have financial support?</p>	
Support from parents	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/> CAD
Savings at the start of term	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/> CAD
Scholarship, awards, and bursaries	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/> CAD
Expected earnings during the study period (from a job)	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/> CAD
Loan and sponsorship funding	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/> CAD
Other resources	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/> CAD
<p>Calculate</p>	

READY TO APPLY TO UBC?

Here are a few key application deadlines to add to your calendar.



DECEMBER 1, 2021

Application deadline for Winter Session (September 2022 to April 2023) **if you want to be considered for an entrance award.**

JANUARY 15, 2022

Final application deadline for Winter Session (September 2022 to April 2023) and Summer Session (May to August 2022).

MAY 1 OR JUNE 1, 2022

Deadline for most students to **accept UBC's offer and pay the acceptance deposit.**

(See your Student Service Centre account for your assigned date.)

MAY 1, 2022

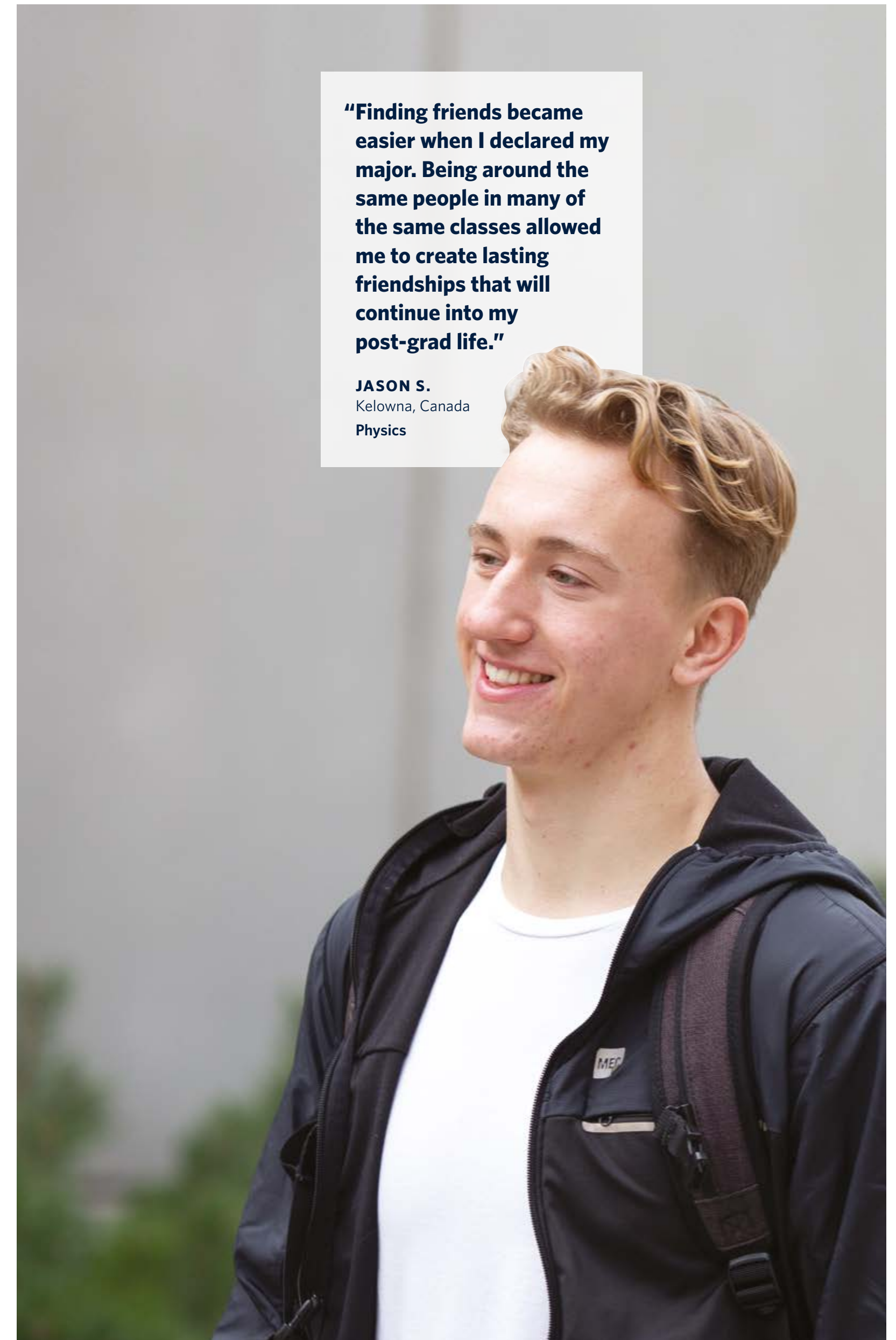
Deadline to apply for residence and be eligible for the first-year residence guarantee

IMPORTANT!

All application deadlines are subject to change.

"Finding friends became easier when I declared my major. Being around the same people in many of the same classes allowed me to create lasting friendships that will continue into my post-grad life."

JASON S.
Kelowna, Canada
Physics





“UBC brings together a diverse group of people that soon, unknowingly, bonds into family. It is a place cultivated with spirit, inspiration, and growth.”

YVONNE K.
Markham, Canada
Film Studies and Creative Writing

KRISTEN R.
Mississauga, Canada
Natural Resources Conservation

LET'S CONNECT

Explore UBC with a campus tour

Attend an information session or student experience event

Connect with a UBC advisor

Find answers to your questions at

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT UBC

CONNECT WITH AN ADVISOR

WATCH OUR VIDEOS

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FIND ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

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