



Graduate Pathways to Success Event: 2016 Orientation Pre-Arrival Webinars

Links and Resources

Banking and Cell Phones

- [International Student Guide on banking](#)
- [Lists of banks on or near campus](#)
- [Financial Consumer Agency of Canada \(FCAC\) Account Selector Tool](#)
- [Credit Unions of BC](#) (map of branches, make account opening appointment)
- [Cell coverage map](#) (compare major carriers' reception quality and towers by postal code)
- [Compare Cellular](#) (compare phone plans in BC)

Neighborhoods, Accommodation, and Life in Vancouver

Housing:

- Ubysey (student paper) [guide](#) to neighbourhoods and apartment-hunting, and [guide](#) to student housing
- [Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre \(TRAC\) guide](#) to finding rental housing, including how to prepare an application and how to make a good impression during a viewing. TRAC has valuable resources for all stages of the renting process, especially tenant rights
- UBC off-campus housing [guide](#)
- Craigslist Vancouver [apartment listings](#) (use the map view to find listings by area)
- [RentHello](#) and [UV Rentsline](#) apartment listings
- [Padmapper](#) pulls listings from various sites
- [ESL Rent](#) management company with Korean, Japanese, and Simplified Chinese text, but few vacancies
- [Walkscore](#) for assessing potential apartments' proximity to transit, food, parks, shopping, etc.
- [Vancouver bedbug registry](#) to check for history of infestations at a particular address

Transportation:

- [From the airport](#)
- [Car share](#) options at UBC
- [U-Pass / Compass Card](#) information
- [Translink](#) website
- Translink [system map](#) for Vancouver (PDF)
- [Cycling and public transit](#)
- [Bike lanes/routes](#) in Vancouver
- [Bike trails in Vancouver and beyond](#)
- [City of Vancouver bike projects](#)
- [UBC cycling tips](#)

Groceries:

- Main chains are [Save-on Foods](#), [Safeway](#), [Superstore](#), [No Frills](#), [Walmart](#), [Costco](#)
- Vancouver [farmers markets](#) and [Granville Island](#)
- Organic/vegan/gluten-free: [Whole Foods](#), [Choices](#), [Greens](#)
- Regional specialty stores: [Punjab Food Center](#), [Chinatown](#), [Parthenon](#), [Minerva](#), [H-Mart](#), [T&T](#), [Caribbean Market](#)

General:

- [Graduate Student Community](#) forum for connecting with other grad students
- [Graduate Student Orientation](#) schedule and details
- Graduate School [living cost calculator](#)
- Graduate Pathways to Success free [workshops](#)
- [Ideas](#) for places to go and things to do
- First Nations on whose territory UBC and Vancouver are situated: [Musqueam](#), [Squamish](#), and [Tsleil-Waututh](#); more information on Indigenous histories, politics, and cultures in Canada [here](#)

We appreciate the support of the Graduate Student Society and International Student Development for these webinars