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WELCOME FROM GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (G+PS)

UBC is one of the top research-intensive universities in the world and a recognized leader in research and scholarship at the graduate level across an enormous range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields. You are joining 10,000 graduate student colleagues to partner and contribute to UBC’s role in discovering new knowledge and forming the next generation of scholars and professionals. Our goal in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is to ensure the highest quality academic programming and student experience, and to provide an outstanding program of professional development to promote your success in graduate school and beyond.
In its work as an educational and research institution, UBC places a high value on community partnership and the fostering of global citizenship and a civil and sustainable society. There are countless ways you can contribute to these missions of UBC, from your own research and scholarship, to volunteering as mentors, as student leaders, or in any of the various outreach opportunities available at UBC. I encourage you to immerse yourself fully in the rich intellectual and cultural life at UBC, and I am confident that you will be transformed by your experience, and will yourself enrich the community.

Please accept my best wishes for a fulfilling experience as a UBC graduate student. I look forward to celebrating your success.

Dr. Susan Porter
DEAN AND VICE-PROVOST, GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES
WELCOME FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Congratulations on your admission to your various programs and permit me to say that you have made the right decision in making the University of British Columbia your choice for graduate study.

You must know that Times Higher Education ranked your university 2nd in Canada and 34th in the world, in their 2018 World University Ranking report. One of the contributors to that impressive standing is the university’s deep student-centric outlook. You matter to this institution; your experience and capabilities have been carefully considered, innumerable resources are placed at your disposal to support your academic and professional success, and
you will join an active alumni network with a dedicated UBC office to keep you connected.

You are also given the opportunity to contribute to decisions that affect your grad school experience, with various channels to give feedback. The Graduate Student Society serves you well for this purpose and I encourage you to engage with it. Every graduate student is a member. We hold social and professional events aimed at optimizing the success and wellbeing of our members. Most importantly we advocate at the institutional, provincial and federal levels on issues ranging from supervisory excellence, diversity and inclusion, affordability, housing and funding on behalf of graduate students. Your feedback is priceless for guiding this advocacy and we look forward to your contribution.
UBC is called a “place of mind” because of you – and others just like you, who have come through and taken their place at the frontiers of global change. In May, while addressing a graduation congregation, President Santa Ono said in a world faced with unprecedented challenges such as we now have, it was up to them to bring the full weight of their education to bear on these challenges. You have arrived at one of the best institutions in the world, it is up to you to make it a life changing and world impacting endeavor.

Welcome to your future. Welcome to the University of British Columbia.

John Ede
GSS PRESIDENT
# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday August 30, 2018  
9:00 - 11:30 AM  
Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability, 2260 West Mall

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# G+PS Welcome Event Schedule

**Thursday, August 30, 2018**  
Chan Centre for the Performing Arts,  
6265 Crescent Road

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CAMPUS RESOURCE AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FAIR

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Brought to you by the Graduate Student Society (GSS) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS), meet representatives from over 40 campus services and student interest groups at the Campus Resource and Student Activity Fair.

4:00 – 6:00pm on Main Mall

Click on the unit names below for more details, and come check them out!

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Mark your calendars! These sessions will help incoming graduate students successfully transition to UBC. See below for the schedule and to register.

Sept 6 | Scholarship and Award Opportunities: Doctoral Awards
Sept 19 | Time Management
Sept 25 | Improving your Academic Writing Habits
Oct 12 | Soft Skills for Hard Times: Working effectively across difference in and outside the academy
Oct 30 | Scholarship and Award Opportunities: CGS-M Masters
Thursday, Sept 6 | Scholarship and Award Opportunities: Doctoral Awards
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (In-person session)
Thea Koerner House, 6371 Crescent Rd
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM PDT (Webinar)

These sessions will provide a detailed overview of upcoming doctoral award competitions, including advice on writing a successful application. Eligibility criteria for major funding agencies will be reviewed, as well as application procedures and tips for putting together a strong application. A faculty member will provide an adjudicator’s perspective on the review process.

Who should attend? Full-time, research-based domestic and international students who are (i) Master’s students planning to undertake a PhD program by September 2019 or (ii) PhD students who are currently starting the first, second or third year of their program.
Wednesday, Sept 19 | Time Management

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thea Koerner House, 6371 Crescent Rd (In-person session)

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM PDT (Webinar)

How you decide to spend time and prioritize responsibilities can contribute to how you feel. This webinar can help you identify how you currently spend your time and how you would like to better manage your time. You will learn effective time management strategies that you can personalize to fit your values, priorities, and lifestyle in order to reduce stress and achieve success.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION  WEBINAR REGISTRATION
Tuesday, Sept 25 | Improving your Academic Writing Habits

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM PDT (Webinar)

Join writing specialists from the Centre for Writing and Scholarly Communication for a webinar in which we will discuss:

• developing good writing and reading habits

• managing time on your writing projects

• finding and using resources at UBC and online that will support your writing

• strategies for keeping motivated, including working in peer writing groups

Come prepared with questions, as we will include time for Q&A at the end.

REGISTER HERE
Friday, Oct 12 | Soft Skills for Hard Times: Working effectively across difference in and outside the academy

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Thea Koerner House, 6371 Crescent Rd (In-person session)

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM PST (Webinar)

In these sessions, you will better understand intersectional identities; expand your knowledge and communication skills across difference; and be able to identify and interrupt disrespectful language, while also learning the best way to apologize when we make mistakes or offence is experienced. Learning more about these essential interpersonal and professional skills will help you to negotiate power dynamics, understand how you are influenced by (un)conscious bias and the impact of microaggressions. This is especially important when graduate students need to work across different (sub)
disciplines, with students and faculty from different cultural backgrounds, linguistic backgrounds, and gender identities, in and outside of the academy.

Tuesday, Oct 30 | Scholarship and Award Opportunities: CGS-M Masters

9:30 am – 11:00 am (via Webinar)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (In-person)

This session will provide a detailed overview of the CGS-M award competition, including advice on writing a successful application. Eligibility criteria for major funding agencies will be reviewed, as well as application procedures and tips for putting together a strong application. A faculty member will provide an adjudicator’s perspective on the review process.
Who should attend? (i) 4th year undergraduate students planning to pursue a full-time, research-based masters program or (ii) 1st year full-time, research-based domestic and international master’s students.
Throughout August and September, the Graduate Student Society offers activities to help you to get familiar with the UBC campus, meet your fellow graduate students, and transition smoothly into student life. For more information and tickets for these events, visit orientation.grad.ubc.ca.

Aug 31 | Welcome BBQ
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Aug 31 | MOA Tour
Aug 31 | Koerner’s Social
Sept 6 | Pancake Breakfast
Sept 7 | Sunset Boat Cruise
Sept 14 | Speed Friending
Sept 18 | Connection Café
Sept 22 | Hike to Dog Mountain
Welcome BBQ
Aug 31, 2018, 12pm – 2pm
GSC Courtyard, Thea Koerner House
Enjoy a delicious burger or hot dog while mingling with fellow grad students. Check out the grad student space, relax and meet some new friends.
Burger/hot dog + soda + chips combo: $5. Get your tickets early as prices at the door are $7.

REGISTER HERE

Campus Tours
Aug 31, 1pm – 4pm
GSC Courtyard (Thea Koerner House)
1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
Learn your way around campus and the spots you will need to know as a grad student at UBC! Our guides are current UBC Grad Students with the inside knowledge, so ask away.
These 45 minute tours are free and are reserved for incoming grad students, please RSVP for your preferred time.
All tours will leave from the Thea Koerner House courtyard, please arrive 10 minutes early.

**MOA Tour**  
Aug 31, 1pm – 4pm  
GSC Courtyard (Thea Koerner House)  
1:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm

Visit one of UBC’s premier museums, the Museum of Anthropology! The MOA houses one of the world’s finest displays of Northwest Coast First Nations art and also features extensive collections from around the world. Your guide will take you on a 55 minute journey through the Museum featuring the Northwest Coast First Nations exhibits, the Multiversity Galleries, the Koerner European Ceramics Collection and current temporary exhibitions.

Tours are limited to incoming grad students and are free, please RSVP for your preferred time. Spots are limited.
All tours will leave from the Thea Koerner House courtyard, please arrive 10 minutes early.

**Koerner’s Social**
Aug 31, 6pm – 9pm
Koerner’s Pub, 6371 Crescent Rd.

The GSS is taking over Koerner’s Pub where we will be celebrating the incoming grad students!

Ticket are $12/grad students, $15/non-grad students and include 1 beer + your choice of a burger or 3 tacos. Still thirsty? There will be $3/$6 highballs and $4 Lucky promos for our group only.

To avoid EventBrite fees, in-person payment at the GSS Office is available with exact cash or cheque only. No registration will be held via phone, email, or social media requests. Tickets are limited so get yours today.
Pancake Breakfast
Sept 6, 8am – 10am
Thea Koerner House Courtyard

Rise early and jump start your day as the GSS team cooks up a storm of tasty pancakes for grad students. *This event is free, no tickets required. Please RSVP!

REGISTER HERE

Sunset Boat Cruise
Sept 7, 6pm
Plaza of Nations Marina, 750 Pacific Blvd.

Join us for the PREMIER GSS Graduate Student Orientation event and set sail with 200 of your newest UBC friends! Sunsets, great music, and sights of sparkling city lights. The weather is beautiful, the city is bustling and you will be on a boat with 200 of your newest UBC friends.

Tickets are $25 + tax and are reserved for new UBC graduate students until Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 12pm,

register here
when tickets (while supplies last) will be released to friends and family. Non-grads are classified as UBC faculty/staff, family, spouses and partners of UBC Incoming Grad Students.

Features:

- Slice of pizza included with your ticket!
- 2,600 square foot upper deck
- State-of-the-art sound system
- Stunning views of the Vancouver harbour
- Snacks
- Fully licensed bar
- Sky lighted dance floor

With limited tickets available, this event has sold out quick in past years, so get your tickets now!

*Please note this is a 19+ event. Bring 2 pieces of government issued ID.*
Boarding starts at 6 pm from the Plaza of Nations Marina Dock B and the cruise leaves at 7 pm sharp! Don’t be late!

To avoid EventBrite fees, in-person pre-event registration at the GSS Office (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) is available with exact cash or cheque only. No sales will be held via phone request.

REGISTER HERE

**Speed Friending**

Sept 14, 6pm – 9pm
Koerner’s Pub, 6371 Crescent Rd.

Don’t miss this fun opportunity to make new friends!

Join the GSS for Speed Friending to start off your UBC Grad Experience the right way! Get ready to mix and mingle with new and continuing grad students while expanding your social networks. The format for Speed Friending is very similar to speed dating with some extra activities
and social time thrown in. We’ll help you break the ice with challenges and questions, this is the perfect opportunity to get to know a lot of people in a short period of time. Stay after the event for a $3 Grad Highball Special.

**Connections Café**

Sept 18, 4:30-6pm

For mid-career, mature graduate students. Come to the GSS Loft (Room 4202) inside the AMS Student Nest to meet and connect with graduate students! This free event is organized by the Graduate Student Society (UBC Vancouver), Graduate Pathways to Success, Centre for Student Involvement & Careers, and Health Promotion & Education.

[REGISTER HERE](#)
Hike to Dog Mountain
Sept 22, 9:30am – 4:30pm
Mount Seymour (pick up at UBC)

Get out and experience the Canadian great outdoors! The Dog Mountain Trail is a short, easy hike from Mount Seymour that offers a spectacular view of Vancouver on a clear day! This is an easy to intermediate hike.

Tickets are $12/grad students, $15/non-grad students.

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All graduate students at UBC are members of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS). On the G+PS site you’ll find information on workshops and events run by the Graduate Pathways to Success Program designed to complement your graduate program’s academic curriculum and mentorship experience. You’ll also find Graduate Guides and the Graduate Game Plan, a step-by-step guide to your degree, as well as additional resources for career-planning, academic writing, research ethics, scholarships, thesis submission, and more.
Graduate Student Society

gss.ubc.ca

The Graduate Student Society provides an independent voice for graduate students at UBC Vancouver. The GSS advocates for you on important student related issues both within the university and at a provincial and federal level. They also advocate for individual students for academic, personal or financial issues; administer a health and dental plan; support and collaborate with other graduate student organizations; and host career-focused and extra-curricular workshops and events.

Student Services Centre

students.ubc.ca

Visit the Student Services Centre (SSC) to access information and resources on academic support, tutoring, advising, health and well-being, career building, and recreation. You can also use the SSC to register for courses, pay for tuition,
get your study permit in order, explore your housing and transportation options, order transcripts and diplomas, and apply to graduate.

**International Student Development**

can be found through International Student Development, including information on Canadian study and work permits, health insurance, and adjusting to life in Canada. Check out the comprehensive International Student Guide online or contact an [International Student Advisor](mailto:isa@students.ubc.ca) (Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants) in person Monday –Friday, 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm (no appointment necessary) or by email: isa@students.ubc.ca
The Graduate Student Community

community.grad.ubc.ca

The Graduate Student Community is an online forum for UBC newly admitted and current graduate students. It’s a great way to connect with other students, ask questions and find answers about accommodation and settling in, and learn more about professional development, careers, and funding opportunities.

The UBCcard

ubccard.ubc.ca

The UBCcard is your official student identification card. It grants you access to various UBC buildings, and acts as your library card. You can add money to your card online and then use it to make purchases at the UBC Bookstore and Food Services’ dining locations. If you are using a U-Pass on your Compass Card for transit, you are required to have the UBCcard on you when on transit. To obtain your UBCcard you MUST apply on-line at services.ubccard.ubc.ca.
FEEDBACK

Give us your feedback to help us improve our graduate student Orientation services. Fill out our evaluation survey and enter to WIN GRAD SWAG.
MEET AND MINGLE
BINGO

Meet and mingle with everyone at the Fair! Be sure to get your Bingo Card to make note of all the people you meet and submit your completed Card at the G+PS booth for a chance to **WIN GRAD SWAG**.

Sample card:

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GRAD SWAG

Complete an evaluation survey and/or a Meet and Mingle Bingo card for a chance to win prizes such as t-shirts, USB keys, umbrellas, dining and activity vouchers, and more from campus partners:

Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Graduate Student Society
Green College
Museum of Anthropology
Office of the President
St. John’s College
UBC Arts & Culture District
UBC Bookstore
UBC Recreation
#UBCGRADJOURNEY

Stop by our #UBCGradJourney tent at the Campus Resource and Activity Fair to record and share why you’re excited to join our UBC community for a chance to win a ticket to the GSS evening boat cruise!

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies welcomes you to UBC where our community inspires people, ideas, and actions for a better world. Our community of scholars is one of the world’s finest, committed to tackling the challenges that face our world. **Explore UBC and make it yours.**