



Resources for UBC Graduate Students with Families

Living in Residence

Families:

- [Acadia Park](#)

Couples:

- Acadia Park
- [Any self-contained studio or one-bedroom unit](#)

Living on Campus

On Campus Housing Options to Consider (not affiliated with UBC)

Chancellor Place: [Westpoint](#), [Axis](#)

University Village: [University MarketPlace](#)
[Wesbrook Properties](#)

[Utown@UBC](#): sustainable campus community. UBC Campus and Community Planning, together with the University Neighbourhood Association, help to provide a range of services for residents including 2 [community centres](#), recreation programs, and a wide range of community events.

Living off Campus

Finding Rentals

- [Craigslist](#)
- [Kijiji](#)
- [Padmapper](#)
- [Roommatesvancouver](#)
- [Walk Score](#)
- [Apartmentlove](#)
- [Rentbc](#)
- [UV Rentsline](#)
- [ESL Rent](#)
- [City of Vancouver Housing Program, i.e. co-op housing](#)
- [Graduate Student Community Forum](#)

Facebook groups: marketplace for stuff, recommendations, things that are happening in the community, available suites for rent...

- [UBC Families](#)
- [UBC Second Hand](#)
- [UBC Buy and Sell](#)

Household Items

Used: Craigslist & Kijiji, garage sales, Salvation Army, Value Village, Facebook

New: Ikea, Dollar Store, Shopper's, London Drugs, Canadian Superstore, Wal-Mart



When to Search for Housing in Vancouver

- Rentals available for September are usually posted in July and August
- BC laws specify a 30 day notice to vacate a property
 - Most rental agreements start on the first day of the month.
- The turn around time for rental units is fast.
 - Keep an eye out for For Rent or Vacancy signs
- Vancouver is a popular city, it can take some time to find an apartment/room.

Other Resources

Renting it Right: An online course which is offered through the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre. It's a great way to understand the renting climate here in Vancouver and provides an overview of your rights as well as tips for searching for housing, the rental application, signing the tenancy agreement, and moving in. There are also worksheets for creating a monthly budget, helpful tips for preparing a list of references, and ordering your credit report...

[Vancouver Bedbug Registry](#)

Child Care

[Licensed vs Unlicensed Care](#)

[UBC Child Care Services](#)

UBC provides about 600 spaces designed for the children of students, faculty and staff at UBC. Students can apply for child care before they even apply to UBC.

[Waitlists](#) can be 12 months to 2.5 years long, depending on age group & type of care.

[University Hill Preschool](#)

Programs for 3 and 4 year olds

[Berwick Child Development Centre](#)

Programs for 3-5 year olds

Integration of children with and without special needs

Priority is given to UBC faculty, staff & students

[YMCA Vista Point](#)

Programs for ages 30 months – 5 years

Full and part-time options

Priority for families who do not work or study at UBC

[YMCA Child Care Programs](#)

[Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre](#)

A non-profit society providing a list of all child care providers in the lower-mainland



[Kids & Co.](#)

Private, for-profit child care services with several locations in the Lower Mainland and across BC.

[Ministry of Children and Family Development](#)

Information on choosing a quality daycare, finding child care providers and getting financial assistance, and an overview of licensed vs unlicensed child care.

[The Development Disabilities Association](#)

(DDA) provides over 50 community-based programs and services for all children (including those with special needs), youth, and adults. UBC has partnered with the DDA to enhance the availability of child care for faculty and staff in 5 of their centres.

Public Schools in BC

[Vancouver School Board](#)

Language Immersion
Mini Schools

[Registering for School in Vancouver \(including Kindergarten Registration\) BC Curriculum](#)

Fun Things to Do...a non-exhaustive list

On Campus

Museum of Anthropology
Beaty Biodiversity Museum
UBC Botanical Garden
Nitobe Japanese Garden

Wreck Beach
Pacific Museum of Earth
Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery
UBC Aquatic Centre

In the City

Science World
The PNE
Reifel Bird Sanctuary

Stanley Park
Pumpkin patches

[Vancouver Inspiration Pass](#): a free cultural and recreational pass program that allows families and teens to get out and explore their city in a whole new way.

Mountains

Grouse Mountain
Cypress Mountain

Mt. Seymour
Whistler



Community Centres

[City of Vancouver Community Centres](#)

[On Campus Community Centres](#)

Old Barn Community Centre (on campus)
Wesbrook Community Centre (on campus)

Resources for Settling In

[Immigrant Support Services of BC](#)

Providing a variety of support services to help immigrants get settled.

[SUCCESS](#)

Supports the wellbeing of Canadians and immigrants from diverse ethnic origins through social, educational, and health services, business and community development, and advocacy.

[Pacific Immigrant Resources Society](#)

Community-based organization that provides services for immigrant women and their young children.

[Life in Vancouver](#)

General overview of living in Vancouver including climate, food & eating out, living costs, public transportation, work permits & immigration, bank accounts...

[Life as a Grad Student at UBC](#)

Information about what to expect from grad school, including resources for students with families, clubs & societies, social life at UBC, sports & recreation...

[Students Who Are Parents](#)

Resources and initiatives for students who are parents including community centres and family activities, support services, child care, registering your child in school, vaccinations/immunizations...

International Students

[Information for International Students with Families:](#) including activities for spouses and partners, applying for documents together as a family, and contact information for International Student Development.

[International Student Guide](#)

Everything you need to know about life as an international student at UBC's Vancouver campus, including information on immigration documents, health insurance, working in Canada (for both you and your partner), taxes, and preparation for arrival in Canada.



Leave of Absence Procedures and Policies

[Leave of Absence](#)

A graduate student who finds it necessary to interrupt his or her studies for parental, health, personal, professional, employment, or academic reasons, as outlined in policy V-302.2, may apply for a leave of absence.

[Graduate Student Vacation Policy](#)

Graduate students are entitled to 3 weeks of vacation (15 working days) from their academic obligations per academic year.

Health & Wellness

[UBC Health & Wellness](#): Provides support for your studies, information about sex and sexual health, help with stress and anxiety, and health care for registered UBC students.

Medical Services

BC: www.welcomebc.ca/Start-Your-Life-in-B-C/Daily-Life/Get-Health-Care

UBC Medical and Dental Clinics

[UBC Health Clinic](#)

[Nobel Biocare Oral Health Care](#)