



CONNECTING ABORIGINAL STUDENTS WITH UBC

UBC is committed to supporting self-identified Aboriginal students in their journey to achieve a post-secondary education. We welcome a diversity of perspectives on our campuses, and Aboriginal students in particular are valued for their unique contributions to this institution of higher learning. There is a place for Aboriginal students here and our recruitment and admissions staff are pleased to advise all self-identified Aboriginal students on their best pathways to UBC.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

ADMISSION POLICY

University entrance requirements must be met; however, the UBC Aboriginal Admission Policy allows some flexibility with respect to competitive criteria for certain programs.

PERSONAL PROFILE

The Personal Profile is a set of five to seven questions where students reflect on past experiences, accomplishments, and challenges. It is an important opportunity for students to tell UBC about relevant life experiences that will strengthen a student's application. Consideration is given to additional information regarding Aboriginal self-identification in the Personal Profile, and this may include family commitments and unique community or cultural experiences. Learn more at you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/aboriginal and you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/aboriginal/ok

ADMISSION PROCESS

- Language requirements for BC high school applicants may be waived on a case-by-case basis.
- In an attempt to have admission decisions out early and by possible funding deadlines, many self-identified Aboriginal students are evaluated in January and February.
- Application fees may be waived for students facing financial difficulties. Please contact Celia Reimer in Enrolment Services (see back page).
- Admitted students who have self-identified will have their admission deposit deferred and combined with the rest of tuition due in September.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FUNDING

More than 30 Aboriginal students earned a Major Entrance Scholarship or Centennial Scholars Entrance Award and enrolled at the University of British Columbia for the 2016/17 academic year.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARD

The Centennial Scholars Entrance Award is designed to improve access to post-secondary education, especially for students facing economic or social barriers. There will be 100 Centennial Scholars each year, with awards ranging from \$4,000 to \$40,000 depending on the student's financial need. A number of Centennial Awards are available specifically for Aboriginal students.

Awards are given based on information provided in the application for admission, Personal Profile, reference letter, and Centennial Scholars Entrance Award application form. Direct-entry and transfer students are eligible. Criteria for these students include demonstrated academic and leadership achievements in the arts, the community, athletics, and school. Students must apply for this award by December 1, 2016.

MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

UBC has a number of Major Entrance Scholarships available specifically for Aboriginal students applying directly from high school. Students must self-identify and complete UBC's online application for admission by December 1, 2016.

ABORIGINAL AWARDS - VANCOUVER

Applications open June 1, 2017. The application deadline is August 1, 2017. A separate application is available at students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards/aboriginal

KEY DATES

December 1, 2016

Deadline to apply for Winter Session 2017 (September to April) in order to be considered for a Major Entrance Scholarship. All Canadian citizens and permanent residents who apply by this date will be automatically considered.

Deadline to apply for Winter Session 2017 (September to April) in order to be considered for the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award. A separate application package is required by this date.

January 15, 2017

Deadline to apply for Winter Session 2017 (September to April)

March 15, 2017

Students who have been admitted to UBC may begin working on their financial plan with an ESP or APS advisor.

May 1, 2017

Deadline to apply for UBC housing

June 1, 2017

Deadline for most students to accept UBC's offer of admission*

Applications open for Aboriginal Awards

Mid-June 2017

Course registration opens

July 15, 2017

Recommended deadline to apply for Canadian and provincial loans to ensure funds for September and qualify for UBC bursaries

August 1, 2017

Deadline to apply for Aboriginal Awards

* Students should refer to their letter of admission or the Student Service Centre to find out their assigned date.

BAND FUNDING (SPONSORSHIP BILLING)

Some UBC students have a portion of their UBC fees paid by a sponsor such as a First Nations community or Aboriginal organization. Students should contact their community or band directly to inquire about funding opportunities. Learn more at students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/tuition/payment/sponsorship

POST-ADMISSIONS FINANCIAL ADVISING

Okanagan students can connect with an advisor in Aboriginal Programs and Services (APS) and Vancouver students can connect with their Enrolment Services Professional (ESP). APS advisors and ESPs can help students determine a financial plan accessing all available resources, including external scholarships and student loans.

For students who have an unmet need above what can be provided by student loans, UBC has a bursary program that can be very beneficial. Learn more at students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards/ubc-bursary

PRIORITY ACCESS TO HOUSING

Admitted Aboriginal students who apply for residence by May 1, 2017 are eligible for priority access to Winter Session residence. Learn more at housing.ubc.ca

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

New-to-UBC Aboriginal undergraduate students and returning Aboriginal students in certain programs are given priority registration for their year level.

TUITION WAIVER FOR YOUTH IN CARE

UBC is now offering a tuition waiver for eligible Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth aging out of care. Students can identify as a youth in care on UBC's online application for admission.

ADVISING CONTACTS

Students who are unsure about post-secondary options can contact us at aboriginal.recruitment@ubc.ca. We have dedicated Aboriginal Recruiter-Advisors and Admissions Advisors available.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Some external organizations offer scholarships dedicated for Aboriginal students. Application deadlines start as early as February 2017. Connect with an ESP or APS advisor for details.

Options include:

Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society: ikbbc.ca
New Relationship Trust: newrelationshiptrust.ca
Indspire: indspire.ca

VANCOUVER CAMPUS

UBC-LANGARA ABORIGINAL TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP (ATP)

Students who register for the UBC-Langara ATP and complete all requirements (including a specified minimum admission GPA) are guaranteed admission to UBC and may be eligible for scholarships.

The UBC-Langara ATP is available for certain degree programs in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science, Applied Science, Forestry, and Land and Food Systems. Learn more at transfer.aboriginal.ubc.ca/admissions

OKANAGAN CAMPUS

ABORIGINAL ACCESS STUDIES

Students not admissible to a UBC undergraduate degree program may apply for the Aboriginal Access Studies program. This program allows students to take up to 24 transferable credits on the Okanagan campus. These credits will then transfer to a UBC degree program.

Self-identified Aboriginal students who apply to a UBC Okanagan degree program and are not admitted will be automatically considered for the Aboriginal Access Studies program.

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