



UBC in Your Community

Burnaby

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People

As of Nov. 2011	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATES	TOTAL STUDENTS	FACULTY + STAFF
Vancouver Campus	38,447	9,997	48,444	20,166
Okanagan Campus	7,249	689	7,938	1,070

Students

UBC is committed to ensuring that students have the opportunity to engage with the world around them. This commitment means students can explore the world through UBC’s Go Global programs, or they may choose to gain valuable work and volunteer experience through UBC’s Community Learning Initiative and Co-op Programs. UBC supports students, whichever path they decide to take, as they expand their learning outside the classroom.

Sophie Tran, a third-year kinesiology student, is enriching her education through a co-op placement with Metrotown Orthopedic and Sports Physiotherapy Clinic. In Sophie’s words, “The best thing about this placement is the applicable work experience that allows me to use my education and work with patients.”

Alumni

UBC’s alumni support many of our student programs on campus: it is their ties to the business community that help create co-op and internship opportunities; it is alumni who are contributing to and supporting the entrepreneurship@UBC initiative; and it is our alumni who return to be mentors to the future of BC’s communities – students. The contributions of UBC alumni can be found in every corner of the province; in Burnaby, alumni **Beth Snow** (PhD’06) and **Tamaki Kano** (BSc’00, MSc’06) were among the participants of the Longest Game of Hockey for Cystic Fibrosis held at Burnaby 8 Rinks. The game set the world record for the longest game of hockey (243 hours and 5 minutes) and raised over \$125,000.



Community Connections

UBC supports numerous local outreach programs and research projects in a wide range of areas including water and forest management, oral health and rural education.

Helping BC Students Learn from the Past

In 1942, Japanese Canadians were forced to leave their homes on the west coast for internment camps, prisoner of war camps, sugar beet farms and work-prison camps. Thanks to the support of the [History Education Network/Histoire et Éducation en Réseau \(THEN/HiER\)](#), BC students now have access to tangible materials to examine and discuss what life was like for these internees. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Strategic Knowledge Clusters Grant-funded project led by **Penney Clark** at the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy in the UBC Faculty of Education, helped develop *Journeys Outreach Kits* for the National Nikkei Museum and Heritage Centre in Burnaby. Teachers are able to bring the kits into their classes and have immediate access to lesson plans, background information, films, books, primary sources, visual aids and other materials that will enrich their lessons.

Helping Improve Salmon Spawning Habitat

In 2010/11, 1,642 UBC students participated in curricular community service learning and community-based research through the [UBC-Community Learning Initiative](#) and the [UBC Learning Exchange](#). These students worked with 90 non-profit organizations, 23 public schools and 21 small- to medium-sized businesses. One group of Applied Science students worked with the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers Society to construct a portable mechanical device designed to remove sediment from local creeks to help improve the success of salmon spawning. The “Introduction to Civil Engineering Practice” course has been offered since 2007 and introduces students to civil engineering practices by linking them with community partners to complete service learning projects and enhance community assets.

DID YOU KNOW?

While UBC's community contributions are felt most widely in BC, students and faculty members are also contributing to global well-being. Through UBC's [International Service Learning](#) program, students are travelling to countries around the world to work on a range of projects. For example, one group of UBC students partnered with local communities in Mexico to develop clean energy technology. Meanwhile, UBC professors and staff are contributing their time and expertise to programs like the [African Institute of Mathematical Sciences](#).

More Community Connections

To learn more about what UBC is doing in communities throughout BC, please contact us at your.community@ubc.ca or visit governmentrelations.ubc.ca/ubc-in-your-community.