Research Facts & Figures 2019/20

The University of British Columbia is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the 20 top public universities in the world. UBC’s Okanagan campus in Kelowna was established 15 years ago and is the most rapidly expanding campus in Canada. Student numbers continue to climb and research funding has increased by 366% since 2005.

Top Talent

- 300 research faculty
- 16 designated research chairs & scholars
- 14 UBC funded Clusters of Research Excellence

GRADUATE STUDENTS

- 1,065 graduate students
- 3.5:1 graduate student to research faculty ratio

36% Domestic
64% International

Funding

TOTAL RESEARCH FUNDING

- $32.1M total research funding in 2019/20
- 118% increase in research funding since 2015/16
- 1,067 projects funded in 2019/20
Research Excellence

MAJOR AWARDS

Royal Society of Canada, College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists (2020)
Prof. Abbas Milani

Faculty Researcher of the Year Awards (2020)
Social Sciences & Humanities: Assoc. Prof. Sabre Cherkowski
Natural Sciences & Engineering: Prof. Cigdem Eskicioglu
Health: Assoc. Prof. Zach Walsh

NSERC Senior Industrial Research Chair (IRC), Advanced Resource Recovery from Wastewater (Metro Vancouver)
Prof. Cigdem Eskicioglu (2020)

UBC Killam Faculty Research Prize (Junior)
Assoc. Prof. Allison Hargreaves (2019)

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar Awards (2020)
Asst. Prof. Thuy Dang
Asst. Prof. Jennifer Davis
Asst. Prof. Isaac Li
Asst. Prof. Katrina Plamondon

Partnership Highlights

SSHRC PARTNERSHIP GRANT (Awarded 2019/20)

Co-Curricular-Making: Honouring Indigenous Connections to Land, Culture, and the Relational Self
Identifying respectful pathways for educators to decolonize pedagogies and advance reconciliation.

Principal Investigator
Prof. Margaret Macintyre Latta

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Community Partners
IndigenEYEZ, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna Museums Society, Okanagan Nation Alliance, School District 23 – Central Okanagan, University of Alberta, University of Ottawa

Funding
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant

MITACS SUPPORT

Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship (CIIC)
Institute for Community Engaged Research (ICER)
Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention (IHLCDP)
Materials and Manufacturing Research Institute (MMRI)
Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services (BRAES)
Regional Socio-Economic Development Institute of Canada (RSEDIC)