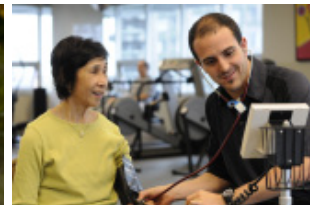




UBC in Your Community

Richmond

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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.

Terence Hui, a third-year mechanical engineering student, is enriching his education through a co-op placement with Richmond's GEA Aerofreeze. About his current placement, he said, "The best thing about this placement is the opportunity and the encouragement to charter into new territory for the company. The company has provided me with the support and time to find new ways to maximize the potential of the existing technology."

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 Richmond, UBC alumna and 2010 Governor General Literary Award winner **Wendy Phillips** is a teacher and librarian at A.R. MacNeil Secondary School.



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 Novice Farmers

Farmers in Canada are aging but the younger generation of growers is encountering barriers to entering the profession, including the cost of land, machinery, and infrastructure. In response, the Richmond Food Security Society has developed the Richmond Incubator Farm project. The Project leases land at affordable rates to novice farmers and purchases small-scale equipment for co-operative use. Students in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems worked with the Society to research resources and provide information for novice farmers. 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.

Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids

Children from across the Lower Mainland are benefitting from a UBC program that provides free basic dental services to qualifying kids. The Children's Dental Program at UBC's Faculty of Dentistry, one of only two such programs in Canada, helps kids from communities as far away as Abbotsford, Delta, and Richmond maintain a healthy smile while giving dental students an opportunity to practice pediatric dentistry. Children are referred by dental public health staff at Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health and they and their parents are bussed to UBC from their home community. UBC students are supervised by pediatric dental specialists and general dentists who commit a half-day a week to teach in the clinic. It is just one of the ways that Dentistry alumni and students are giving back to the community.

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.