



UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  CANADA



GRADUATE
VIEWBOOK
2027-2028

Why UVic?

At the University of Victoria, you'll have access to world-class research facilities, expert faculty and a supportive academic community.

Our rankings demonstrate our strong reputation for research and academics. We're well-known for our welcoming and inclusive community. Our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is reflected in our policies, programs and services.

Victoria is home to a thriving research community with many opportunities for you to collaborate on interdisciplinary projects. UVic has strong ties with businesses and organizations that provide opportunities to gain real-world experience throughout your degree.

Victoria is also consistently ranked the best small city in the world* thanks to its mild climate, beautiful scenery and high quality of life. As a graduate student, you'll appreciate the city's walkability, bike lanes and easy access to outdoor activities year-round.

RANKED #1

IN CANADA FOR
INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH
COLLABORATION

Leiden Rankings 2025

RANKED #3

CANADIAN
COMPREHENSIVE
UNIVERSITY FOR THE
NUMBER OF NSERC AND
CIHR MEDICAL AND
SCIENCE GRANTS PER
FACULTY MEMBER

Maclean's 2026

* Condé Nast Traveler
Readers' Choice Award





RANKED #3

IN CANADA FOR
CLIMATE ACTION
—A UN SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Times Higher Education's
Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026



UVic is committed to creating better opportunities for Indigenous students, strengthening respectful partnerships with Indigenous communities and encouraging everyone to be a part of a shared vision for the future as part of our ongoing commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

Local First Nations communities have given us permission to use the following teachings and carry them with us in our work. We invite you to reflect on these teachings as you explore the next step of your educational journey.

Héʔəkʷ ʔə cə čələŋən ʔtə
HÁEQ ŁTE OL TFE ČELÁŊEN ŁTE

Remember our ancestors and birthright

Nəčəmaat kʷəns čeʔi
ČĀNEUEL OL

Work together

Nəwəes šxʷ cən ʔaý šqʷeləqʷən
ÁMEKT TʔEN ÍY, ŠKÁLEQEN

Bring in your good heart and mind

Leʔt šxʷ helə ʔə cə məkʷ sčeʔi səʔ
S,HOL ET MEQ EN ENÁ SE SČĀ

Be prepared for the work to come

Ləkʷəŋən – top
SENĆOʔEN – middle
English – bottom

Artwork on this page: *Podium - S'YEWE Legend*
Artist: the late TEMOSEN-ʔET (Charles W. Elliott),
WJOLELP, Tsartlip First Nation

Preparing you for your career

GRADUATE CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES

Earn while you learn, gain valuable experience and develop career networks. Participate in co-operative education during your graduate program.

One-third of co-op students find permanent positions with their former co-op employers after graduation, making co-op a smart choice to launch your career.

uvic.ca/coop/grad-students

THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

Improve your communication and presentation skills in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition.

uvic.ca/3minutethesis

SUPPORT FOR YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL IDEAS

UVic's on-campus venture incubator helps entrepreneurs receive support and mentorship to take business concepts from idea to investor-ready. We provide tools, expertise and space on campus to help entrepreneurs develop their ideas, and we partner clients with advisors and mentors from outside the university who offer valuable input and connections.

uvic.ca/innovation

HOME TO
**THE
LARGEST**
GRADUATE CO-OP
PROGRAM IN
CANADA



Nadiya Shore

MSc student in Earth and Ocean Sciences

Nadiya Shore is turning climate data into decisions communities can use.

A recipient of UVic's Coastal Climate Solutions Leader Graduate Scholarship, Nadiya uses machine learning to make global climate models more useful at local scales, where planners need to prepare for floods, wildfires and extreme heat.

Alongside her research, she's learning how climate solutions take shape beyond the lab, through policy, public engagement and collaboration across disciplines.

She's also helped develop ideas for a new climate change exhibit at the Royal BC Museum, exploring how complex climate research can be made clear, compelling and relevant to public audiences. Through it all, she's developing the skills to lead climate action.

Tuition and financial support

TUITION

In general, the tuition rates for international students do not differ greatly from those for Canadian citizens/permanent residents. Use our tuition estimator to get a basic estimate of tuition for graduate students enrolled in full-time studies at UVic.

uvic.ca/graduate/finances/tuition-costs

FUNDING YOUR GRADUATE STUDIES

Funding for your graduate studies may come in the form of a UVic fellowship, teaching assistantship, research assistantship or a combination of these forms of support. You may also be eligible for a wide range of needs-based bursaries, and internally and externally funded awards. Certain projects that include a significant research component may also be eligible for research council funding. See your range of options at **uvic.ca/graduatestudies/finances** and be sure to identify any additional funding opportunities available from your academic unit.

For more information about funding, contact the graduate secretary for your program.

uvic.ca/graduate/contacts/admissions-assistance

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

You can apply through your academic unit for several forms of paid employment that will provide valuable professional development opportunities throughout your degree. These opportunities include working as a teaching assistant (TA) or research assistant (RA). Applicants should speak with their prospective supervisor about the availability of these opportunities. These opportunities are not available in all programs.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UVic provides a variety of scholarships to graduate students:

- University of Victoria Graduate Fellowship (doctoral or master's) – up to \$20,000
- University of Victoria President's Research Scholarship for federal council scholarship holders – \$5,000
- University of Victoria Graduate Entrance Award for new first-class graduate students – \$5,000
- A variety of donor-sponsored graduate scholarships – \$1,000 to \$30,000

Graduate studies at UVic

WHICH PATH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Are you curious about discovering something new?

- Do you want to contribute to original research?
- Are you considering a career in academia or a research-intensive field?
- Do you enjoy deep, independent study and working with faculty on complex questions?

If these questions spark your interest, a **research-based graduate program** might be your next step.

These programs—thesis-based master's degrees and PhDs—focus on generating new knowledge and advancing theory. At UVic, you'll engage in original research, often resulting in publications or conference presentations. You'll work closely with expert faculty, contribute to scholarly conversations and help shape the future of your discipline. If you're ready to explore, question and contribute, a research-based path could be for you.

Or are you eager to make an impact in your profession?

- Do you want to solve real-world problems using advanced skills?
- Are you preparing to lead in industry, government, education or healthcare?
- Do you want a graduate degree that fits your career and your schedule?

If this sounds like you, explore UVic's **professional graduate programs**.

These include professional master's degrees and doctorates to help working professionals enhance their expertise and lead change in their fields. Programs focus on leadership, innovation, policy and applied knowledge. Many offer flexible formats, cohort learning, and opportunities for practicum or community partnerships. Whether you want to deepen your practice or pivot to a new role, these programs are designed for impact—and are built around you.

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

We offer several graduate certificate and diploma programs, which are shorter than degree programs and offer specialized advanced training in a particular discipline.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

If you want to combine more than one field of study, and tailor an academic program to your unique interests, consider an individual interdisciplinary graduate program. You'll work with co-supervisors and faculty members (your supervisory committee) from at least two different units to develop an individual program suited to your interests. Contact intdadv@uvic.ca before starting your application for an interdisciplinary graduate program.

Find the graduate program that's right for you. uvic.ca/graduate

Graduate programs at UVic

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

SARDUL S. GILL GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Global Business (MGB)

Master in Management (MM)

Doctor of Philosophy in Management and Organization (PhD)

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Master of Education in Art Education (MEd)

Master of Arts in Child, Youth, Family and Community Studies (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Child, Youth, Family
and Community Studies (PhD)

Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (MEd)

Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (MEd)

Master of Arts in Educational Psychology (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology (PhD)

Master of Arts in Educational Studies (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Studies (PhD)

Master of Arts in Indigenous Communities Counselling Psychology (MA)

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization

Master of Arts in Indigenous Language Revitalization (MA)

Master of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization (MEd)

Master of Education in Language and Literacy (MEd)

Master of Education in Leadership Studies (MEd)

Master of Arts in Leadership Studies (MA)

Master of Education in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
and Educational Technology (MEd)

Master of Education in Social, Cultural and Foundational Studies (MEd)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Graduate Micro-certificate in Applied Data Science
– Machine Learning Fundamental

Graduate Micro-certificate in Applied Data Science
– Data Analysis and Management

Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering (MEng)

Master of Engineering in Applied Data Science (MEng)

Master of Engineering in Biomedical Systems (MEng)

Master of Engineering in Building Envelopes and Structures (MEng)

Master of Applied Science in Civil Engineering (MASc)

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering (PhD)

Master of Science in Computer Science (MSc)

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science (PhD)

Master of Engineering in Electrical and Computer Engineering (MEng)

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Master of Applied Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering (MASc)

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering (PhD)

Master of Engineering in Industrial Ecology (MEng)

Master of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering (MASc)

Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering (MEng)

Doctor of Engineering in Leadership in Engineering Applications
and Practice (DEng)

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering (PhD)

Master of Engineering in Telecommunications
and Information Security (MEng)

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

Master of Arts in Art History and Visual Studies (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Art History and Visual Studies (PhD)

Master of Music in Composition (MMus)

Master of Fine Arts in Writing (MFA)

Master of Fine Arts in Design and Production (MFA)

Master of Fine Arts in Directing (MFA)

Master of Music in Performance (MMus)

Master of Arts in Musicology (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology (PhD)

Master of Arts in Musicology with Performance (MA)

Master of Music in Music Technology (MMus)

Master of Arts in Theatre (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Theatre (PhD)

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts (MFA)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (MA)

Master of Arts in English (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in English (PhD)

Master of Arts in French and Francophone Studies (MA)

Master of Arts in Germanic and Slavic Studies (MA)

Master of Arts in Greek and Roman Studies (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Greek and Roman Studies (PhD)

Master of Arts in History (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in History (PhD)

Master of Arts in Linguistics (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics (PhD)

Master of Arts in Pacific and Asian Studies (MA)

Master of Arts in Philosophy (MA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy (PhD)

** Programs marked with an asterisk are available as a distance option.*

Graduate programs at UVic

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

FACULTY OF HEALTH

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (PhD)
Master of Education in Coaching Studies (MEd)
Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology (MA)
Master of Science in Health Informatics (MSc) *
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Informatics (PhD) *
Graduate Certificate in Health Terminology and Interoperability Standards *
Master of Arts in Kinesiology (MA)
Master of Science in Kinesiology (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology (PhD)
Master of Science in Neuroscience (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience (PhD)
Master of Nursing (MN) *
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) *
Master of Arts in Physical Education (MA)
Graduate Diploma in Public Health *
Master of Public Health (MPH) *
Master of Arts in Social Dimensions of Health (MA)
Master of Science in Social Dimensions of Health (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Dimensions of Health (PhD)
Master of Social Work (MSW)

FACULTY OF LAW

Master of Laws (LLM)
Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD)

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Anthropology (MA)
Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology (PhD)
Master of Arts in Community Development (MA) *
Master of Arts in Economics (MA)
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (PhD)
Master of Arts in Environmental Studies (MA)
Master of Science in Environmental Studies (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Studies (PhD)
Graduate Certificate in Evaluation
Graduate Diploma in Evaluation
Master of Arts in Geography (MA)
Master of Community Planning (MCP)

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Master of Science in Geography (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Geography (PhD)
Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance (MA)
Doctor of Philosophy in Indigenous Governance (PhD)
Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood
Master of Arts in Political Science (MA)
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (PhD)
Master of Science in Psychology (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (PhD)
Master of Public Administration (MPA) *
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration (PhD) *
Master of Arts in Sociology (MA)
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology (PhD)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Master of Science in Biochemistry (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry (PhD)
Master of Science in Biology (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology (PhD)
Master of Science in Chemistry (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry (PhD)
Master of Science in Earth and Ocean Sciences (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Earth and Ocean Sciences (PhD)
Master of Arts in Mathematics (MA)
Master of Science in Mathematics (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics (PhD)
Graduate Certificate in Medical Physics
Master of Science in Microbiology (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Microbiology (PhD)
Master of Science in Physics (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics (PhD)
Master of Arts in Statistics (MA)
Master of Science in Statistics (MSc)
Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics (PhD)

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Admission requirements

ADMISSION TO A MASTER'S PROGRAM

- Completion of a four-year bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an institution recognized by UVic
- Equivalent of a minimum "B" average over the last two years of your degree
- Must meet UVic's English language proficiency requirement
- Must meet any requirements specific to your program of study

ADMISSION TO A DOCTORAL PROGRAM

- Completion of an acceptable master's degree (or equivalent) from an institution recognized by UVic
- Must meet UVic's English language proficiency requirement
- Must meet any requirements specific to your program of study

or

- If you have a first-class average in the last two years of a bachelor's degree, you may also be considered
- Must meet UVic's English language proficiency requirement
- Must meet any requirements specific to your program of study

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

You must demonstrate English language proficiency to attend UVic. You meet this requirement if:

- English is your primary language
- you have a degree from a designated English-speaking country
- you have a degree from a recognized institution at which the language of instruction is English

We accept six language tests as proof of language proficiency: CAEL, CAE/CPE, IELTS, MET, PTE and TOEFL. Official test score reports must be sent directly to UVic by the testing agency.

We cannot accept test scores more than two years old.

How to apply

1. BEFORE YOU APPLY

Admission to UVic Graduate Studies is competitive. It's never too early to contact your academic unit and start planning your application to make yourself as attractive a candidate as possible. Our website lists all the important steps you need to take before you apply, such as reviewing admission requirements, required documents and English language proficiency requirements. uvic.ca/grad/admissions

Most graduate programs require students to have a supervisor. A great supervisor oversees your academic work, is passionate about your subject area and is invested in your success. There is some variation when it comes to academic supervision at UVic, so be sure to confirm the specific details with your program's graduate secretary. You may be assigned a supervisor or be expected to find your own. In some instances, you must identify an available supervisor before you begin your studies.

Learning as much as you can about the faculty members who you will be working with increases your chances for success. Faculty members may be more willing to act as your supervisor if you

- make contact well in advance of your desired academic entry point,
- develop a statement of your research interests and preferred areas of focus,
- spend time exploring their research, publications, funding sources and CVs, and
- consider the mutual time investment required.

If you're responsible for identifying a supervisor, we recommend you talk to several professors before asking one to oversee your work. Where possible, connect with those on your short list to discuss your research goals and their availabilities for your desired study period.

2. APPLY FOR ADMISSION

Apply online at uvic.ca/application. You will be asked to pay your application fee by credit card.

3. APPLICATION STATUS

Shortly after you've applied, you'll receive your UVic student ID number by email. This will include instructions for checking your status online. You'll be contacted by email once an admission decision has been made, and you'll be notified if anything further is required. Make sure to add @uvic.ca to your safe-senders list.

4. ONCE YOU ARE ACCEPTED

Review our resources for newly accepted students. uvic.ca/grad/new

Get your questions answered.

Graduate Admissions and Records

250-472-4657
garo@uvic.ca

Faculty of Graduate Studies

250-721-7970
FAX 250-721-8957
fgs@uvic.ca

Student Recruitment

250-472-4626
markmac@uvic.ca

Residence Services – Graduate Housing

250-721-8395
housing@uvic.ca

On the cover:

Linda K. Narthey
PhD in Microbiology

For millions of people annually, a suspected urinary tract infection (UTI) means discomfort, uncertainty and a wait of up to three days for a clear diagnosis. UVic PhD student Linda K. Narthey is helping to change that.

Working with biochemistry professor David Goodlett (pictured on the cover) and Island Health clinician Michael Chen, Linda led research on a faster, more accurate way to detect UTIs. Instead of relying first on traditional culture methods, the team's technique detects specific lipids in bacterial cell membranes using mass spectrometry. The result: an answer in about an hour, with the ability to rule out a UTI with 99 percent accuracy.

The innovation could mean faster treatment decisions, fewer unnecessary cultures, lower costs and less single-use plastic in clinical testing. Supported by Goodlett's expertise and the UVic Genome BC Proteomics Centre, Linda is now advancing the method further so it can detect an even wider range of bacteria from other biofluids.

Her work shows how graduate research can move from lab discovery to better care for patients, communities and the planet.

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If there are any discrepancies between this publication and the University of Victoria Graduate Admissions website, the website will take precedence.

