Master of Science
Occupational and Environmental Hygiene Program
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WELCOME TO
THE OEH PROGRAM

Congratulations on being accepted into the Master of Science - Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (MSc OEH) program.

Welcome to the School of Population and Public Health!

Before we begin, we’d like to acknowledge the unceded, traditional territory of the Musqueam people, upon which UBC’s Point Grey campus is located.

The OEH program is highly competitive and you are joining a very distinguished group of graduate students. Starting a graduate program is exciting and we are here to support you throughout your entire academic program.
Starting Point

In this guide, you’ll find information about the steps you need to take to meet the program requirements, **so it’s important that you read it thoroughly.**

It’s also important to remember that it is ultimately your responsibility to make sure you know and complete all requirements to finish this program, so it’s a great idea to familiarize yourself with this guide and the program website:

http://spph.ubc.ca/programs/msc-oeh

This guide also contains more general information about:

- The School of Population and Public Health
- The University
- Vancouver

But if you have any further questions, we are always here to help and you can find contact details on the Contact Us page: https://www.spph.ubc.ca/programs/msc-oeh/contact-us

We wish you all the best in the program, and we look forward to meeting you.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) and UBC’s response**

We encourage to visit UBC’s response [here](https://www.spph.ubc.ca/programs/msc-oeh/) for current information about UBC’s plans for a return to Campus.

This website contains useful information and is updated regularly.

UBC’s approach to COVID-19 safety planning aligns with the BC Restart plan and new COVID-19 Return-to-Campus Guidelines.
Program Overview

The MSc OEH program is one of the only programs in Western Canada to offer a graduate degree in occupational and environmental hygiene.

Hygiene is the science that:

- Recognizes hazards through application of toxicology and epidemiology
- Evaluates exposures in workplaces and communities
- And controls hazards through use of engineering principles with the ultimate goal of eliminating or reducing the hazard.

The UBC OEH program is unique in offering its program in two options:
1. The Project (Practicum) Option
2. The Thesis Option

The typical project option timeline is structured so that all academic coursework can be completed within 20 months.

The average time for a thesis student to complete their coursework and research varies between 24 and 36 months.

For more information, see the Program Requirements section of the website [here](#).

OEH graduates gain skills that allow them opportunities to work in:

- The Public and Private Sectors
- Healthcare
- Agriculture Industry
- Regulatory Agencies
- Academia
- and more!
Life at UBC

**September 7**

The first day of classes for Winter Term 1 is September 7, 2021. There will be a SPPH Orientation session held, followed by an OEH orientation (more information will be coming nearer the time).

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies usually holds a UBC orientation the week prior to classes starting.

For more information on Grad Orientation events please visit: [Graduate Student Orientation](#)

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**Start Date**

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**Faculty Advisor**

All students are assigned a Faculty Advisor over the summer, chosen with your career goals and interests in mind.

Your Advisor will be a mentor for you throughout your program, and be available to help you with things like:

- Course selection
- Choosing between thesis and project options,
- General information about the University and the School

We highly recommend introducing yourself to your Advisor prior to planning and registering for courses. If, for any reason, you want to change your Advisor, please let us know.

You will also be assigned a 2nd year MSc OEH student as a “buddy”. Your buddy can help you with all the questions you might have, from local Vancouver pubs to advice on course electives.

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**Campus-Wide Login (CWL) & Email Account**

Once you have your UBC Student Number, you can apply for a CWL username and password, which will allow you access to all UBC systems (including email).

If you have not registered for a CWL yet, you can do so via UBCIT.

We recommend that you set up a UBC email account for written UBC communication.
Life at UBC

UBC Recreation

UBC Athletics & Recreation is working on a plan to safely re-open the sport facilities and re-start their diverse range of physical recreation: [https://recreation.ubc.ca/covid-updates](https://recreation.ubc.ca/covid-updates).

From June 22, 2021 onward, many of the facilities will re-open through a phased approach that provides recreation opportunities while enacting the appropriate precautions. There are several gyms, aquatic center and fitness facilities on campus including the Student Rec Centre, ARC Fitness, the UBC Bodyworks and a Gold’s Gym in the Village. Most have student membership pricing. More details available [here](#).

Check out pre-recorded fitness classes to help get you moving from wherever you are. There is a large variety of classes taught by UBC instructors to pick from. More information is available [here](#).

**Try one, or try them all!**

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Student Service Centre (SSC)

The SSC is the system that you use to perform all UBC administrative tasks such as:

- Register for courses
- Pay fees online
- Access grades and transcripts.

It is also where you keep your address and email information up-to-date.

The contact information in the SSC is what Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and the Registrar’s Office will use, so it is important that you keep it updated.

Please note that your password is original set to your birth date (YYMMDD).
Life at UBC

Before you begin the program, you will need to register in your first term courses via SSC.

UBC will contact you with the date that registration opens (usually in June). Students can add or drop courses via the SSC until the second week of term. You can find out deadlines to add or drop courses, and more, in the UBC Calendar.

It is very important to meet with your Faculty Advisor and/or Program Director prior to start of term to ensure you are taking the correct courses to suit you.

Course Registration

Credit Transfers & Exemptions

If you think that you have taken a course that may be transferable to the MSc degree, please read the Faculty of Graduate Studies policy to find out which courses may qualify for a credit transfer or an exemption and contact oeh@spph.ubc.ca before you begin the program.

UBC Canvas

Canvas is UBC’s primary learning platform for delivering online course content. Here you will be able to share, view course materials online through

UBC’s Learning Technology Hub, Canvas, using your CWL login. Click here to acquaint yourself with this system.
Life at UBC

UBC Card

Once you have registered with SSC, you’ll need to pick up your UBC card. The pick up location is the parkade behind the school.

The UBC Card is your:

• Library card
• Student ID card
• And voting identification for student elections

For more information click here.

UBC Library

• Once you have your UBC card, you can take advantage of the UBC Library system.

• You will need the barcode number on the back of your UBC card to log onto the Library network. Your PIN is the last five digits of the same barcode.

• At UBC, library branches focus on particular subjects and are located near related academic departments. To see a map showing the location of all library branches on campus, click here.

Your First Month at UBC

There are lots of fun events in the first month of the program to which you will be invited.

We encourage you to attend these events as it’s a great way to meet your new peers, faculty, staff and affiliated organizations.

You will receive further information regarding each of these events throughout the summer, but you can also check the Graduate School social life at UBC here.
Life in Vancouver

**Transportation**

Public transport (Translink) to and from UBC is excellent. When you are a full-time UBC student, your student funds will pay for a mandatory U-Pass/Compass Card which will allow you to travel on any method of transportation (bus, Skytrain, Seabus) at any time.

You can apply for U-Pass exemptions for courses without scheduled classes such as summer Coop placements.

There are many designated bicycle routes in Vancouver and some buses can carry up to two bicycles – useful for the uphill ride to UBC. More information about bicycle routes, including a map, can be found on the TransLink website or from UBC’s Campus and Community Planning.

Check out Options for Bike share programs on (and off) campus, including HOPR public bike share and discounts for Mobi by Shaw Go bike share program. Visit [here](#) for more information. Vancouver has several car-sharing and ride-hailing options listed [here](#).

**Parking**

A variety of parking options are available on the UBC campus.

Be forewarned: Regulations can be confusing and change with construction and special events.

**Read signs carefully!**

Students can purchase a [UBC parking permit](#) or pay hourly. The Health Sciences Parkade is the nearest parking lot.
### Things to do in Vancouver

#### Accommodation
If you're looking to rent accommodation, useful sources include:

- Craigslist
- PadMapper
- Kijiji
- AMS Rentline (Run by the UBC Alma Mater Society and geared towards students)

More information and resources to help you find the right place, can be found [here](#).

#### The Great Outdoors
Vancouver is an active community surrounded by beautiful mountains, beaches and forests.

- Cycling is a popular method of transportation in and around Vancouver.
- Around UBC, there are numerous parks, walking, running, biking trails, several beaches, as well as the newly constructed Arbutus Corridor.

[See list of the top spots in and around Vancouver](#).

The University of British Columbia has a beautiful campus with many must-see sites. **The Museum of Anthropology** is listed by Lonely Planet as one of Vancouver's top sites, while **the Rose Garden** overlooking the ocean and surrounding mountains is always popular.

Less well known but still well worth a visit is the **Nitobe Memorial Garden**, a traditional Japanese Tea and Stroll garden, while the blue whale skeleton in the nearby Beaty Biodiversity Museum is an awe-inspiring sight.

Those looking for an arts fix can head over to the **Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery** or the **Chan Centre for Performing Arts**, while fresh air fanciers can check out the 40 hectare model farm located on campus or the **Botanical Gardens**.

The downtown area offers the **Vancouver Art Gallery**, theatres such as **the Orpheum, Queen Elizabeth, the Vogue and plenty of cinemas**, Vancouver is home to frequent fantastic festivals, including:

- The Vancouver International Film Festival
- JFL Northwest
- The Vancouver Fringe Festival
- The Jazz Festival
- The Vancouver Pride Parade
- The Surrey Vaisakhi Parade

Link [here](#) for Vancouver events. Vancouver is famous for its proximity to snow sports hubs, such as Cypress, Whistler and Grouse, click [here](#).

There’s always something to do in Vancouver!
The School of Population and Public Health

Your home base is the School of Population and Public Health building on the UBC Point Grey campus. The address is 2206 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z3.

Most SPPH classes are held in this building, and you will also find information for staff here. You can access the common areas from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you are studying late, you may want to use the Safe Walk service. For more information on building accessibility, please click here.

Email and Contact Lists

We need your email address to add you to various student listserv groups for both MSc OEH and SPPH communications.

Please advise the program coordinator of any changes to your contact information. Also remember to keep your contact information up to date in SSC & G+PS.

These are used to contact you so the information must be current at all times.
School of Population and Public Health

Printers and photocopier machines are available for students in the SPPH building. Please contact the SPPH receptionist at info@spph.ubc.ca to obtain a copy account. There are also a number of libraries close by, which contain printing facilities.

There is a small printer in the Level 3 Student Office, and if you have a laptop to hook up to the printer (and download software), you may use this printer free of charge. Please notify Karen Bartlett when supplies (toner, paper) are running low.

**Printing & Photocopying**

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**Computers**

There is a computer lab on the basement level of the SPPH Building. Passwords for the computers are posted on the wall and access is free. There are also two computers located in room 144 on the main floor.

You may inquire at the SPPH reception on this. Public computers are also available at most of the UBC Libraries. Please see link here. Woodward Library is the closest to SPPH, follow link to Woodward library here.

**Environment**

We all care about sustainability and the environment, and we hope you do too. You will find recycling facilities on all floors:

Bins for composting organic waste, bins for cans & bottles. Separate bins are available for refundable drink containers.

If you would like to be involved in the SPPH Sustainability Committee, please contact Karen Bartlett. They are often looking for helpers and would welcome your enthusiasm.
The SPPH building has two private showers on the basement level, as well as assigned lockers, generally reserved for those who ride their bikes to UBC.

If you would like a locker, speak to the SPPH receptionist at info@spph.ubc.ca to see if any are free. There are also lockers in the Level 3 Student Office, which you can sign up for by contacting Karen Bartlett (based on availability).

There is a small kitchen to the right of reception, and a larger kitchen on the third floors, which contain communal fridges, dishwashers, kettles, microwaves and toasters.

MSC-OEH students are welcome to use the 3rd floor kitchen at any time.

**Facilities**

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**Evacuation assembly**

It’s important to note that in the unlikely case of a fire or other emergency that requires evacuation from the SPPH building, **you should exit the building from the front, cross the road (East Mall) and gather in front of Michael Smith Laboratories (2185 East Mall), under the cover.**

In the event of an earthquake, you should get into an open area, away from buildings and proceed to your emergency meeting location. For further information contact Stefan Mladenovic.
ABOUT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

WHAT IT IS

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a coronavirus.
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some can infect animals, and some can infect humans. COVID-19 is a new disease caused by the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that was first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019. COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic in March 2020.
Those who are infected with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms. Symptoms of COVID-19 are often similar to other illnesses.

SPREAD

Coronaviruses are most commonly spread from an infected person through:
- respiratory droplets when you cough or sneeze
- close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- touching something with the virus on it, then touching your eyes, nose or mouth before washing your hands
These viruses are not known to spread through ventilation systems or through water.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you have symptoms of COVID-19:
- stay home (isolate) to avoid spreading it to others
  - if you live with others, stay in a separate room or keep a 2-metre distance
- call ahead before you visit a health care professional or call your local public health authority
  - tell them your symptoms and follow their instructions
- if you need immediate medical attention, call 911 and tell them your symptoms

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of COVID-19 can:
- take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to the virus
- be very mild or more serious
- vary from person to person

PREVENTION

The best way to prevent the spread of infections is to:
- practice physical distancing at all times
- stay home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others
- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are sick
- when coughing or sneezing:
  — cover your mouth and nose with your arm or tissues to reduce the spread of germs
  — immediately dispose of any tissues you have used into the garbage as soon as possible and wash your hands afterwards
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, such as toys, electronic devices and doorknobs
- wear a non-medical mask or face covering (i.e. constructed to completely cover the nose and mouth without gaping, and secured to the head by ties or ear loops) to protect the people and surfaces around you

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS:
1-833-784-4397 canada.ca/coronavirus
Overview

Created in 2008, and part of the Faculty of Medicine, the School has four divisions:
1) Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health Practice
2) Health in Populations
3) Health Services and Policy
4) Occupational and Environmental Health.

SPPH looks to create, share and apply knowledge through research to improve the health of the public around the world.

**OEH Seminars and PD Workshops**

- OEH Seminar series is held on Fridays during the academic year. This is where the best of current research in our field is presented. Attendance is mandatory. Past seminars can be viewed [here](#). The OEH Professional Development Course series is a combination of various OEH related topics, career building workshops and training for Practicum placements.

- During Term 1, these sessions will be held on Mondays from 9:00am to 10:30am in SPPH B104 and for Term 2 to be held on Thursdays from 10:30am to 12:00pm in MATH 204. Attendance is mandatory for both SPPH 598 and SPPH 599 OEH students.

- Each division within the School also presents seminars and special speakers. Watch this link to see what is happening: [https://www.spph.ubc.ca/about/#spph-events](https://www.spph.ubc.ca/about/#spph-events)

**Student Representation & Feedback**

We have OEH student reps in the School, attending the OEH Division monthly meetings, as well as various committees in SPPH, to make sure your interests are represented. Please contact Shaine if you would like to get involved.

OEH runs two Student Feedback sessions per year. All students are expected to attend, and these are beneficial in helping our program be the best that we can, and provide updates and changes for future students.
**SPPH and OEH Websites**

The SPPH website, [www.spph.ubc.ca](http://www.spph.ubc.ca), is an incredibly useful resource which can answer many student queries and is continually updated with information about course schedules, course outlines, listing of faculty and staff, various events, etc.

The [MSc OEH website](http://www.spph.ubc.ca) is also a great resource for current students. There is information on the program, credits/requirements, project/thesis options, awards, alumni and careers.

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**Student Communications**

A bi-weekly newsletter is sent to students detailing upcoming awards deadlines, job opportunities, call for abstracts, events of interest, and relevant workshops and courses.

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**Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology**

The Graduate Student Program, run by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT), offers a variety of workshops, seminars, and one-on-one coaching on teaching and related topics. Workshops are free for UBC graduate students and Teaching Assistants.

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**Job Opportunities**

Many SPPH students work as Teaching or Research Assistants during their studies. You can find information about all opportunities on the SPPH website. Applications for TA’s open in early spring each year.

Generally students do not TA in their first year, as they are all taking the core courses.

UBC Careers is another excellent resource for job seeking. Also, your email address will be added to a listserv called “OEH Impactor”, which often has career opportunities in the OEH field advertised through emails from companies and alumni.
Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

What is G+PS?

Established in 1949, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) is the governing body for all graduate programs at UBC.

G+PS approval is required for a whole host of issues relating to students: course approvals, status in the program, program progress, graduation, etc. You can use this G+PS webpage as reference for your program.

A G+PS Student Orientation is planned for August/September - keep an eye out here for date and time confirmation.

Common OEH student queries

See the topics below for answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding policies and procedures that are set out by G+PS.

Don’t hesitate to contact us at the OEH Program for any further questions.

Part-time status

Students who wish to enter the program on part-time basis must obtain approval from the program director as part of the admission process. Many restrictions are imposed on part-time studies and it can be more expensive as the student fees are assessed on a different schedule.

Part time study has particular implications for international students. Please read the section of the G+PS website carefully if you are considering this option.

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**Academic Progress and Policy**

To maintain good academic standing in graduate studies, 68% is considered a pass.

Only six credits with a standing between 60 – 68% will be accepted towards the degree, and any course with a grade of less than 60% is a fail.

If you are worried about your academic progress, talk to the Program Director or your faculty advisor early in the term for advice.

**GPS Workshops**

The Graduate Pathways to Success (GPS) program is a palette of non-credit workshops, seminars and activities designed to complement your graduate program's academic curriculum and mentorship experience as well as the OEH short course requirement. They fill up fast!

**Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies administers most graduate awards and their Award Database is a great resource for all students. MSc OEH students have won numerous awards in the past, so feel free to apply to multiple awards. Click here for a list of SPPH internal awards.

Some awards are for thesis-based programs only and this should be indicated in the award description. If you are unsure, you can contact G+PS.

Be sure to check the process guidelines for each award and plan accordingly. Some awards require more than one internal (SPPH) and external signatures which are required by the submission deadline.

It’s a good idea to check in with the OEH Program Coordinator for guidance when applying.
Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

OEH Travel Fund

Students may be eligible to apply for travel support to a maximum of $400 to present a poster or paper to an official conference or symposium. This is issued through the OEH division.

Graduate Student Travel Fund

Awarded once per degree program, the Travel Fund provides one-time travel support up to a maximum of $500 per graduate student who presents a paper or poster at an official conference or symposium while they are enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program. Travel awards are issued by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Cascadia Conference

This joint conference between UBC, UW, and SFU, is held every year. It is usually held in early January and runs for 2 days. All first year OEH students are eligible for partial financial support to attend. In order to cross the Canada/US border, students require a passport. More details will follow in the new term.
The MSc OEH Program & Requirements

Term start dates

Winter Term I begins on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Winter Term II begins on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Program Requirements

The MSc OEH program offers two options for students to choose from - the Project Option and the Thesis Option - both which require the completion of 42 credits.

Depending on which program option you choose, some course selections differ. When deciding on which program option is best suited for you, students may speak with their advisors, the Program Director or any OEH Faculty. The decision does not need to be predetermined upon entry to the MSc OEH program – students are given until December to declare which option they wish to take.

Below is a quick guide to both options.
For more information on the program options please check here and for the short courses required see here. To access various MSc policies and forms see here.

**Important note about the Project Option**

It is important to note that the Summer Practicum required for the project option is not guaranteed to students.

Though we have not yet had an instance where we could not find a placement for a student, it’s imperative to understand that the practicum is based on how many jobs we receive from prospective host companies, and also on each student’s performance with applications and the interview process. If students cannot be placed, it is a possibility that students may need to switch to a thesis option.

There are three core areas of expertise in Occupational and Environmental Hygiene areas that are key skills to learn for practicing in this field: **Recognition, Evaluation, and Control**.

You can emphasize certain aspects of hygiene to cover all areas broadly. Knowing and understanding these concepts are central to the MSc OEH degree, for either the Project or Thesis route. If you are unsure about which areas to study, or have general questions about what courses can lead to a particular desired competency you wish to graduate with, it is highly recommended that you speak with your faculty advisor about your course selections.

Required course SPPH 535 Principles of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene will teach students the breadth of these areas of expertise.
The courses below are where you can expect to learn more about each area:

### Recognition
SPPH 533 (3) Toxicology & Public Health  
SPPH 522 (3) Topics in Environmental Health (Required course)  
SPPH 534 (3) Occupational Health and Illness Processes

### Evaluation
SPPH 502 (3) Epidemiological Methods 1 (Required course)  
SPPH 567 (3) Quantitative Methods for Assessment & Analysis of Exposure Data  
SPPH 562 (3) Chemical and Biological Hazard Measurement

### Control
SPPH 563 (3) Technical Aspects of Chemical & Biological Hazard Control  
SPPH 565 (3) Ergonomics  
SPPH 568 (3) Safety  
SPPH 569 (previously MECH 505) (3) Acoustics & Vibration  
SPPH 522 (3) Topics in Environmental Health (Required course)

### Electives
As mentioned previously, the program requires some recommended Elective Courses and some secondary electives see here for a list

The list of recommended electives includes courses that will help students with the core areas of expertise (mentioned above), or to focus on a particular area such as Environmental Health. These credits are to build on the required courses to create a focused set of skills based on your interests or career goals.

The list of secondary electives is primarily made up of other SPPH courses (full list here), and courses from other departments that have a relevant focus, such as Occupational Health. This list is for guidance ONLY, and students are allowed to choose ANY elective course relevant to their program work to make up the elective credits. Note that any courses taken outside of SPPH need Program Director approval.

There are many factors that play into course selection; thesis work, co-op prep, career goals, and most importantly - graduating with the full suite of core competencies you will need to begin your career. For this reason it is very important to check with the Program Director.
## Course Schedule 2021-2022

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Graduation

You can apply to graduate via the Student Service Center. For more information about graduation, please [click here](#). The G+PS website has detailed explanations of the graduation process.

Tuition fee reversal

Once you have met all the graduation requirements, your paperwork will be submitted to G+PS for program completion. You will be making a formal application for graduation through the Student Services Centre. Make sure your UBC financial account is settled.

[Please contact the Tuition Fee Payment Office](#) at Brock Hall to request a refund of any remaining portion of the term’s tuition fees. Only full months of tuition can be refunded. Note: Remember to apply for graduation in your last semester if you are expecting to graduate! [Please see Applying to Graduate for more information](#).

Getting Registered as a Hygienist

After graduation, students are encouraged to apply to write the preliminary exam for certification with the Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists ([CRBOH](#)). Annual membership fees are $255 (2019) and you can [register through the website](#).

Careers and Alumni

A survey of OEH alumni found 31% of respondents were first employed in Government, be it local, provincial or federal; 25% in the Education sector; 21% in Private Industry, and 15% in Consulting.

For more information on MSc OEH Alumni and careers [see our website here](#).
Scholarships, Awards and Fellowships Application Deadlines

UBC Awards - Blue
OEH Awards - Black

**Early December**
Affiliated Fellowships (UBC)

All UBC Graduate Students are Eligible.

**Mid - to late January**
Aboriginal Fellowship Scholarships (UBC)

All Aboriginal students are eligible but priority is given to those whose traditional territory falls, at least in part, within Canada.

**September 2021**
Grace and Alexander MacInnes Award. $1,000

**September 2021**
Kay Teschke/Murray Hodgson Award.

**September 2021**
CIHR Masters Awards (CGS) (UBC)

Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are undertaking a research project.

**See website for deadline for each award**
BC Air Quality Awards

There are scholarship awards for students researching air quality and environmental health; Robert Caton Scholarship, David Bates Scholarship, and CLEAR Fund Scholarship.
**Scholarships, Awards and Fellowships Application Deadlines**

**UBC Awards - Blue**

**OEH Awards - Black**

**February/March 2021 (UBC)**

**AIHA BC-Yukon Award - $1,000**

Participants will be given to applicants who demonstrate a genuine effort to be involved in the AIHA BC Yukon Section via attendance at monthly meetings and participation in the Mentoring Program.

**February/March 2021**

**AIHF Scholarship**

American Industrial Hygiene Foundation awards to students dedicated to studying industrial hygiene.

**See website for 2021 Dates**

**WorkSafeBC Research Training Awards**

$20,000+ & $2,500 Travel/Research Fund

All UBC Graduate Students are Eligible

MSc or PhD students who are studying occupational health and safety research in B.C.
Scholarships, Awards and Fellowships Application Deadlines

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**Awarded by OEH Program Spring**

A.L. Riegert Award

Approx. $650 to $1,000

Given to the full-time student with the highest average in 15 credits of a minimum of 18 core credits taken in the first year of the MSc program.

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**March 2022 Awarded by OEH Program**

Roberta Ellis Award $1,000

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**Spring**

UREA Formaldehyde Foam Insulation Action Association Bursary

Approx. $500

Awarded to student investigating toxic chemicals and pollutants, with particular emphasis to their effects on human health
A list of all Student Services for UBC students, including food services, housing, counseling, clubs, and more can be found here.

**Wellness Centre**

This clinic is located at UBC Life Building, Wellness Peer Educators are trained student volunteers who can answer your questions, talk with you, and recommend resources for everyday concerns related to health, relationships, and workload. Drop in to the Wellness Centre, to talk with a Wellness Advisor or attend number of “Health & Wellness” programs.

**Counselling services**

UBC’s Counselling Services offers free counselling for students, and can help with issues such as stress and depression. Located on campus, you can make an initial appointment for 30 minutes to determine the most appropriate services for you in your follow-up appointments.

**Enrolment Services**

Enrolment Services can help you with financial support, tuition and fee payments, and obtaining transcripts, as well as course scheduling. The organization is located in Brock Hall.
UBC Student Services

**Safe Walk**

The UBC campus is large, and if you need to walk a fairly long distance alone, or at night, it’s highly recommended to use the UBC Safewalk program. Call 604.822.5355 and they will send you a co-ed team of walkers to accompany you. They work closely with campus security and RCMP, and easy to spot - look for the red jacket, flashlight and clipboard. You can also use the UBC Blue Phones around campus if you’re ever feeling unsafe.

**Access and Diversity**

Access and Diversity provides support and leadership around accessibility for people with disabilities. The organization can help students with disabilities when it comes to taking exams, academic work, and student loans, among many other services. Access and Diversity has several locations on campus.

**CSI&C**

The Centre for Student Involvement and Careers (CSI&C) has a resident graduate advisor available to all students and offers career resources and advice, orientations, and much more.

**Aboriginal Services**

Aboriginal Students at UBC have access to the First Nations House of Learning, whose mandate is to make the University’s vast resources more accessible to Aboriginal Peoples, and to improve the University’s ability to meet the needs of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. The Longhouse is a valuable support network for our Aboriginal students.
UBC Student Services

Pride UBC

The Pride Collective provides information and support for people identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and two-spirit, as well as education to the wider UBC community, and hosts social events such as Outweek in February. Students are welcome to hang out in the Collective’s lounge at NEST 2103, which is open weekdays for study and socializing.

Graduate Student Society

The Graduate Student Society (GSS) looks out for your interests as a graduate student, be they academic, social, cultural or recreational. The GSS has a great calendar of events for graduate students, from coffee socials to softball leagues to time management workshops. The Society has a graduate only space, the GSS Loft, Room 4202 in the AMS Nest.

Sexual Assault Support Centre

The AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre provides free and confidential support services to anyone who needs it at UBC, including support groups, advocacy, short-term and crisis emotional support, and a lending library. The Centre is located in the Nest in Room 3127.

International Student Support

If you’re arriving from outside Canada, there’s a lot of support available to you as an international student through International Student Development.

UBC has tools for improving your English, managing cultural transitions and homesickness, as well as guide to banking.
In a recent alumni survey of 49 respondents, when asked how OEH instructors and courses influenced and affected their careers, all respondents were positive.

“Each and every one of the faculty and courses had an enduring and positive impact.”

“I can very happily say that all of my instructors had a significant impact on my career and I am in contact with several occasionally for advice...”
Contact Us

The University is in process of Remote Work Arrangement during Covid-19 for Faculty and Staff till further notice.

Feel free to contact us by email.
These are your key contacts in the MSc OEH program. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need help.

Don’t forget that you have your faculty advisor and your student buddy that you can contact as well!

Dr. Karen Bartlett  
MSc OEH Program Director

Dr. Bartlett’s office is on the third floor, room SPPH 364.

Please call 604-822-6019 or email karen.bartlett@ubc.ca for appointments.

Dr. Christopher McLeod,  
Head - Occupational and Environmental Health Division

Dr. McLeod’s office is on the third floor, room 331.

Please call 604-822-4994 or email chris.mcleod@ubc.ca for appointments.
Gina Abernethy  
Professional Programs Manager for MPH, MSc OEH  
First floor, Rm. SPPH 171, Tel 604-822-9207  
or email gina.abernethy@ubc.ca

Shaine Meghji  
MSc OEH Program Coordinator  
First floor, Rm SPPH 166  
Best to contact first if you’re unsure of who to ask a particular question. Call 604-822-2827 or email spph.msc-oeh@ubc.ca.

Dr. Mieke Koehoorn  
MSc OEH - Director  
MSc OEH Practicum Coordinator  
Dr. Koehoorn’s office is on the second floor, room SPPH 293, 2206 West Mall.  
Please call 604-822-5756 or email mieke.koehoorn@ubc.ca for appointments.

SPPH Reception  
Located at the reception desk in the lobby on the first floor of the SPPH building.  
The receptionist can help with finding rooms, faculty offices, booking meetings, and obtaining computer lab passwords. You can email info@spph.ubc.ca

Click here to learn more about SPPH Staff & Faculty, all of whom are happy to help students with any questions or support!