Study at one of the world’s top research universities.

Year after year, UBC Sauder is heralded as one of the top research universities in the world. Our researchers are of the highest calibre and come from all over the globe, bringing with them fresh perspectives and worldwide connections. Among our researchers’ many accolades are international awards and senior editorial positions in top journals.

Earn the credentials to land a prestigious placement.

UBC Sauder PhDs have taken recent tenure-track positions at top research universities around the world, such as Columbia University, University of Chicago, University of Toronto, University of Washington, University of Hong Kong, and the University of Oxford.

“The years I spent in UBC Sauder’s PhD Program have been the best part of my life. The program is intellectually stimulating and highly rewarding. I benefited from the generosity of all the faculty and staff. I’ve also met some of my best friends there.” - Ting Xu, Finance, 2017, Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia

Who do we admit into our PhD program?

You do not need to have studied business; most of our candidates have diverse academic backgrounds with no prior courses or research in business.

We expect a first-class average, and typically GMAT or GRE scores in the top 15%.
An Enriching Program for a Career in Academics

As a UBC PhD student, you will be trained for an academic career in top research universities around the world. This is a career with strong prospects. Almost every one of our graduates obtain at least one tenure track research position before graduating, with average starting salaries that exceed $150,000.

If you want a career conducting industry-shifting research and teaching university students, this is the program for you.

Specialize in one of nine areas.


Different specializations require different backgrounds. Some are more suitable for those with a quantitative degree and others are more suitable for those with a social science background.
What Does it Take to Earn a PhD?

The UBC Sauder PhD program is undeniably demanding. It typically takes five years of full-time work, with the first two years focused on coursework and the remainder focused on your dissertation and other research projects.

Our students also conduct research with faculty for the duration of the program and will usually teach classes near the end of their degree.

PhD Program Journey

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Who is Suited for a PhD in Business?

We look for self-driven, intellectually curious candidates who have strong quantitative and communication abilities and who are excited about the subject matter they want to study. The strongest applicants have gained some research experience with their professors, and have compelling letters of support from them. A Master’s degree is helpful, though not always required.

How Much Does the PhD Program Cost?

We provide guaranteed funding for five years; we cover the cost of your tuition and fees, and give you $30,000 a year for living expenses.

Application Deadline

Our application deadline is December 31st for the following September entry.
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