



## shaping UBC Okanagan's future

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Okanagan Campus



### Exploring our future

UBC Okanagan's first century began with a groundswell of community support and resounding calls for a great university in British Columbia's Southern Interior. The University of British Columbia answered that call in 2005 by creating a new UBC campus in the Okanagan.

The Okanagan campus was created uniquely in partnership with the Syilx Okanagan Indigenous peoples of this region.

UBC Okanagan has established itself as an innovative hub for research and learning where a high-tech and entrepreneurial community deeply committed to Indigenous partnerships welcomes students and faculty from around the world.

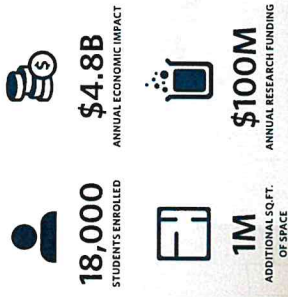
As a young campus of a globally influential university entering its second century, big thinking and bold ambitions are required to set the Okanagan campus on its long-term course toward even greater impact and service to the people and communities of British Columbia.

"This exploration of our future reflects ongoing discussions at UBC about the opportunity presented by the Okanagan campus and what needs to be done to realize an ambitious future for the university and its role in the region over the next couple of decades."

### Our ambitious outlook...

- Is founded on UBC's new strategic plan, *Shaping UBC's Next Century*
- Projects a 20-year vision based on UBC Okanagan's current Campus Master Plan and the Aspirational process
- Identifies steps needed to move the university toward even greater impact and services to the people and communities of British Columbia
- Is informed by local, provincial and global contexts including estimates of future population, educational demand, and technological and social change, and considers possible future enrolment scenarios and academic program development

### 2040 HIGHLIGHTS



### IN 2040 THE OKANAGAN CAMPUS...

- Is recognized for its historic partnership with the Okanagan Nation and is a leader in Canada in the proportion of Indigenous faculty and students
- Has an annual economic impact in the Okanagan region of \$4.8 billion, up from \$1.5 billion today
- Is a destination of choice for Okanagan region high school graduates because it offers diverse pathways ensuring high levels of transition from high school to university
- Attracts students from across Canada and around the globe to an extraordinary community of scholars, citizens, professionals and thought leaders
- Is a thriving UBC community of over 20,000 people including 18,000 students and 500 tenure-track faculty members
- Offers a comprehensive range of academic programs across the sciences, arts, creative disciplines and professional fields and has synergistic academic links with the UBC Vancouver campus
- Aligns with BC's redesigned high school curriculum, emphasizing concept-based learning and the development of competencies to engage students in authentic tasks that connect learning to the real world

## What's next?

We're asking you to help us in the next year and beyond, explore how we can better support our students and the community around us. We want to hear from you, and we want to hear from you.

Share your ideas, your thoughts, your dreams, your hopes, your vision, your passion, your energy, your creativity, your innovation, your leadership, your impact, your future.

Email your comments to [ok.ubc.ca/future](mailto:ok.ubc.ca/future)

We're offering an exciting program and we're excited to see how it will be implemented. We're looking for your feedback and your input, and we're looking for your input.

Learn more about our campus and our impact on the world

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## Transformative Learning

Innovative | Collaborative | Empowering

UBCO will offer a variety of excellent undergraduate and graduate programs, continuing education programs, delivered to a diverse and international student body.

### BY 2040 UBCO WILL...

- Offer new post-secondary programs of health and environmental studies in the region
- Strongly support graduate student training by creating 1,500 graduate funded seats
- Have an innovative partnership with the college system to create a suite of seamless educational paths that meet the needs of business and the community and are recognized nationally

## People and Places

Community | Collaborative | Global

Inside and outside the classroom, UBCO will offer a student experience that is second to none. The campus will be recognized for its historic partnership with the Okanagan Nation and be a leader in Canada in the proportion of Indigenous faculty and students.

### BY 2040 UBCO WILL...

- Have continually enhanced support for the growing number of graduate students and successes in supporting transitions to graduate and post-graduate studies and to academia and other professional careers
- Excel in bringing together academic and social supports, as well as community support for health and wellbeing
- Through significant social investment, have created the spaces needed to support increased academic and research activity and community engagement
- Have expanded global connectivity, creating a truly exceptional learning and teaching environment without boundaries or limits for students



## Research Excellence

Innovative | Collaborative | Global

Research and innovation will be driven by over \$100M per annum of research funding. The Innovation Precinct will provide experiential learning opportunities, accelerate innovation, solve real-world research and development challenges and foster creative expression.

### BY 2040 UBCO WILL...

- Be recognized as a national centre for relevant community-engaged interdisciplinary research that has a direct impact on our region, province and country
- Attract top students from around the world drawn by unique research programs. Two in three research graduate students hold scholarships