

**Vision Statement (current)**

The University of British Columbia, aspiring to be one of the world's best universities, will prepare students to become exceptional global citizens, promote the values of a civil and sustainable society, and conduct outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world.

Vision Statement – proposed

The University of British Columbia, as one of the world's leading public universities, is committed to creating an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and inspires outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world.

Mission Statement (current)

The University of British Columbia will provide its students, faculty, and staff with the best possible resources and conditions for learning and research, and create a working environment dedicated to excellence, equity, and mutual respect. It will cooperate with government, business, industry, and the professions, as well as with other educational institutions and the general community, to discover, disseminate, and apply new knowledge, prepare its students for fulfilling careers, and improve the quality of life through leading –edge research.

The graduates of UBC will have developed strong analytical, problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; they will have excellent research and communication skills; they will be knowledgeable, flexible, and innovative. As responsible members of society, the graduates of UBC will value diversity, work with and for their communities, and be agents for positive change. They will acknowledge their obligations as global citizens, and strive to secure a sustainable and equitable future for all.

Mission Statement - proposed

Rewrite the mission statement as values and commitments, pulling these out of the current mission statement and results of the consultations that have happened since August 2008. (see next section)

VALUES*Academic Freedom*

The University is independent and cherishes free inquiry and scholarly responsibility.

Advancing and Sharing Knowledge

The University supports scholarly pursuits that contribute to new knowledge and understanding, and seeks every opportunity to share them broadly.

Excellence

The University, through its students, faculty, staff, and alumni, strives for excellence, and educates students to the highest standards, developing abilities that improve the world.

Integrity

The University acts with integrity, fulfilling promises and ensuring open, respectful relationships.

Mutual Respect

The University values and respects all members of its communities, each of whom makes a contribution to create, strengthen and enrich our diversity.

Public Interest

As a public institution, UBC embodies the highest standards of service and stewardship of resources.



COMMITMENTS

Aboriginal Engagement

The University engages Aboriginal people in mutually supportive and productive relationships and opportunities, and works to integrate understandings of Aboriginal culture and history.

Alumni Engagement

The University engages its alumni fully in the life of the institution as valued supporters and advocates who contribute to and benefit from connections to each other and to the University.

Creating an Exceptional Learning Environment

The University provides a rich learning experience that develops communication skills, critical thinking and creativity, facilitates social engagement and service, and helps individuals be global citizens.

Creating an Exceptional Work Environment

The University provides a fulfilling environment in which to work, learn, and live; maintains our values of academic freedom, mutual respect, integrity, dignity, and inclusivity; and encourages the open exchange of ideas and opinions.

Effective Use of Resources

The University marshals its financial, human, information and physical assets, and integrates academic, environmental, and societal needs to create a community that models effective stewardship.

Excellence in Research

The University creates and advances new knowledge and understanding, improves the quality of life through the discovery, dissemination and application of research across a wide range of disciplines, and aims to engage all students in primary research.

Excellence in Teaching

The University supports innovative and transformative teaching that actively engages students in building their own learning experience.

External Relationships

The University facilitates opportunities to bring together scholars and the wider community to enhance societal good.

Internal Collaboration

The University promotes connections among faculties and units to create, develop, and share vital initiatives that advance the interests of UBC and its many communities.

International Excellence

The University envisions and strives for robust internationalization, and collaborates and communicates to influence globally.

Navigating Cultural Differences

The University engages in reflection and action to build cross-cultural aptitudes, create a strong sense of inclusion, and enrich our intellectual and social life.

Sustainability

The University explores and exemplifies all aspects of sustainability, from stewardship to dissemination of effective practices.