



SUBJECT	Establishment of New Endowments
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PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission has not previously been considered by the Learning & Research Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The endowment funds listed under this docket have been approved by the President on the recommendation of the University Counsel in accordance with UBC Endowment Policy (FM5) and are presented to the Learning & Research Committee of the Board of Governors for information only.

Under the Endowment Policy, the Board of Governors has delegated authority to the President to approve, upon the recommendation of the University Counsel, the establishment of new endowment funds. Spending may begin upon execution of the endowment documentation by the President.

Since the last docket report was prepared for the Learning & Research Committee, the University Counsel has recommended and the President has approved the establishment of the following Endowment Funds. Where the University is providing matching funding in accordance with the Blue & Gold Campaign for Students and UBCO Aspire Campaign for Students, the amount is indicated in brackets following the description:

UBC Vancouver Student Awards

NEW AWARDS - ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

1. **Art Soregaroli Memorial Award:** Gifts of \$100,826 from family, friends and former students in memory of Dr. Art Soregaroli (1933-2017) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Art Soregaroli Memorial Award Endowment Fund” (the “Soregaroli Fund”). The Soregaroli Fund will support awards for top-performing undergraduate students in the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences enrolled in third or fourth year mineral-deposit geology courses. Art was a UBC alumnus and professor of Economic Geology. He would later go on to join the Geological Survey of Canada in the early 1970s, serve as the Vice President at Westmin Resources, and end his career as the chief geoscientist for Teck Corporation. Art’s love of mineral collecting and travel took him and wife Rosalie to many exotic destinations in the years that followed. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences. (Endowing of an existing annual award)

2. **Bill Aiello Memorial Award in Computer Science:** Gifts totalling \$153,668.50 from friends, family, and colleagues, in memory of Bill Aiello (1959-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Bill Aiello Memorial Award in Computer Science Endowment Fund” (the “Aiello Fund”). The Aiello Fund will support awards for outstanding third- or fourth-year Bachelor of Science students specializing in Computer Science who best combine academic excellence with leadership, community service, or volunteerism. Bill Aiello was a Professor in the UBC Department of Computer Science, of which he served as Head from 2004 to 2010. He was the Academic Director of the UBC Academic Leadership Development Program, which helps develop expertise and instill a sense of confidence in new academic leaders. This academic award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

3. **Judah Shumiatcher Memorial Award in Architecture:** Gifts of \$50,000 from the Schumiatcher family and through a fundraising campaign in memory of Judah Shumiatcher (1928-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Judah Shumiatcher Memorial Award in Architecture Endowment Fund” (the “Schumiatcher Fund”). The Schumiatcher fund will support awards for outstanding students in the Master of Architecture program. Preference will be given to students whose designs encourage and inspire human action, experience, and exchange. Judah (B.A. 1964, B.Arch. 1966) learned the art of hat making as a child in his father’s shop, and originally pursued a career as a building contractor, but decided to become an architect after meeting Frank Lloyd Wright in New York City. Judah designed a custom home in Vancouver for his family, where they lived for thirty-eight years. Judah’s work reflected his view that the most important element of architecture is the relationship between designed spaces and the people living, working and playing within them. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2019/2020 academic year)

4. **Kim-Bautista Award in Law:** An initial gift of \$30,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$20,000 for a total of \$50,000, from Nicco Bautista (B.A. 2010, M.A. 2013, J.D. 2013) and Maria Kim-Bautista (B.A. 2010, J.D. 2013), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Kim-Bautista Award in Law Endowment Fund” (the “Kim-Bautista Fund”). The Kim-Bautista Fund will support awards for students in the J.D. program who are the first in their family to attend law school and have demonstrated academic excellence and community service. Preference will be given to students who identify as Black, or as a person of colour. Financial need may be considered. Nicco Bautista and Maria Kim-Bautista immigrated to Vancouver as children, were both the first in their families to attend law school, and are now lawyers practicing in Vancouver. Nicco and Maria were actively involved in student leadership and community service during their time at UBC. They established this award to support law students with similar backgrounds to their own. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

5. **Martha Salcudean Memorial Award in Mechanical Engineering:** Gifts totalling \$73,260 from the UBC Department of Mechanical Engineering, friends, family and colleagues in memory of Professor Martha Salcudean, FRSC, O.B.C., O.C. (1934-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Martha Salcudean Memorial Award in Mechanical Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “Salcudean Fund”). The Salcudean Fund will support awards for undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Mechanical Engineering who have achieved good academic standing and who through community involvement or volunteerism have substantially assisted others in overcoming adversity. Professor Salcudean was born in Romania, and was a survivor of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. She emigrated from communist Romania to Canada in 1975, and was a professor at the University of Ottawa before arriving at UBC. Professor Salcudean served as Head of the UBC Department of Mechanical Engineering from 1985 to 1993, and was integral to the growth of the department. She was an internationally distinguished researcher recognized for her contributions to metallurgy and pulp and paper processes. This award was established in recognition of Professor Salcudean’s resilience and contributions to the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

6. **Peter Winterburn Memorial Award:** A gift in the amount of \$50,000 from Vale Canada Limited, in memory of Dr. Peter Winterburn (1962-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Peter Winterburn Memorial Award Endowment Fund” (the “Winterburn Fund”). The Winterburn Fund will support awards for graduate students affiliated with the Mineral Deposit Research Unit (MDRU) at UBC whose research focuses on mineral exploration geochemistry. Recipients are selected based upon academic excellence. Dr. Winterburn served as the NSERC/ACME Labs/Bureau Veritas Minerals Executive Industrial Research Chair in Exploration Geochemistry in the MDRU at UBC from 2013 to 2018. This award was established in recognition of Dr. Winterburn’s contributions to exploration geochemistry and his legacy as a valued colleague, a respected geochemist, and an inspiring mentor. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

Scholarships

1. **Clifford Alexander Robson and Else Loella Robson Memorial Scholarship Endowment:** A bequest in the amount \$1,493,123 from the Estate of Else Loella Robson will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Clifford Alexander Robson and Else Loella Robson Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund” (the “Robson Fund”). The Robson Fund will support scholarship(s) for students at the University. Mrs. Robson was a native of Denmark and did not attend UBC. Clifford Robson was a decorated WW2 veteran with family ties to the local forestry industry. Mr. Robson graduated from UBC with a BComm in 1938.

2. **Dr. Imre Bella Graduate Scholarship in Forestry:** A gift in the amount of \$57,652 from Dr. Imre Bella (B.Sc. 1958, M.F., Ph.D. 1970) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Dr. Imre Bella Graduate Scholarship in Forestry Endowment Fund” (the “Bella Fund”). The Bella Fund will support scholarship(s) for outstanding graduate students in the Faculty of Forestry conducting research in the area of stand growth dynamics and modelling. Imre was a member of the first class of Sopron graduates from the University of British Columbia. UBC welcomed faculty and students from Sopron University who had left Hungary after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, which attempted to free the country from Soviet influence and occupation. Sopron graduates went on to leave an indelible mark on one of British Columbia’s most significant industries. After graduating from UBC, Imre received a Master of Forestry degree from the University of Washington before returning to UBC to complete his Ph.D. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

3. **Dr. Wilma Ethel Elias Scholarship in Chemistry:** A bequest in the amount of \$180,000 from the Estate of Dr. Wilma Ethel Elias (1925-2018) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Dr. Wilma Ethel Elias Scholarship in Chemistry Endowment Fund” (the “Elias Fund”). The Elias Fund will support scholarship(s) for female graduate students studying chemistry. Dr. Elias was the first woman to obtain a Ph.D. at UBC. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

4. **James (Jim) O'Rourke Scholarship in Mining Engineering:** A gift in the amount of \$100,000, in honour of James (Jim) O'Rourke (B.A.Sc. 1964), P.Eng., OBC, and supported by friends, family and colleagues, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “James (Jim) O'Rourke Scholarship in Mining Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “O'Rourke Fund”). The O'Rourke Fund will support scholarship(s) for outstanding Bachelor of Applied Science students specializing in Mining Engineering. Preference will be given to students studying Mineral Processing. Mr. O'Rourke is the founder of Copper Mountain Mining Corp and played a vital role in many prominent global mining projects in his fifty-year career. He served as president and director of numerous public and private companies and his contributions to mining and business have been recognized with honors including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mining Association of B.C. and induction into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame. Jim received the Order of British Columbia (OBC) in 2011 for his contributions to mine building in B.C. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

5. **Josephine Murphy Scholarship Endowment:** A bequest in the amount of \$2,593,420 from the Estate of Christina Allison will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Josephine Murphy Scholarship Endowment Fund” (the “Murphy Fund”). The Murphy Fund will support scholarship(s) for students at the University. It is believed that the Fund is in memory of the donor’s sister, Josephine Murphy; however, the University is not entirely certain from the information it has received. It is the University’s belief that Mrs. Allison left this bequest to the University to recognize the important role that Vancouver played in her life. Mrs. Allison did not attend UBC but had ties with Vancouver right until the end of her life.

6. **Robert Kennedy Family Graduate Scholarship in Forestry:** Gifts totaling \$47,997 from the Kennedy family, friends and colleagues, along with matching funds from the Faculty of Forestry, in memory of Dr. Robert (Bob) Kennedy (1931-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Robert Kennedy Family Graduate Scholarship in Forestry Endowment Fund” (the “Kennedy Family Fund”). The Kennedy Family Fund will support scholarship(s) for graduate students enrolled in a thesis-based Master's program in the Faculty of Forestry whose area of study is wood science. The scholarship may be given to the same recipient for a maximum of two years. Dr. Kennedy received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York, a Master's degree from UBC and his Ph.D. from Yale University. He dedicated his career to the advancement of wood behaviour through wood science research and teaching. Dr. Kennedy was Dean of the Faculty of Forestry from 1983 until his retirement in 1991 when he became an Emeritus Professor. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (Endowing of an existing annual award) (UBC match: \$50,000 Faculty of Forestry match)

7. **Wardman Family Scholarship for Indigenous Students in Medicine:** An initial gift of \$12,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$38,000 for a total of \$50,000, from Dennis Wardman and the Wardman Family will establish an endowment fund to be known as “Wardman Family Scholarship for Indigenous Students in Medicine Endowment Fund” (the “Wardman Family Fund”). The Wardman Family Fund will support scholarship(s) for outstanding Indigenous students enrolled in second year of the M.D. program. The Wardman family is an Indigenous family who are strong supporters of improving the health outcomes of Indigenous communities. They created this scholarship to help support the next generation of Indigenous health care professionals. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

Fellowships

1. **Dr. Miguel A. Romero Sánchez Memorial Fellowship in Chemistry:** A gift in the amount of \$375,000 from Dr. Miguel Romero (Ph.D. 1990), in memory of his father Dr. Miguel Antonio Romero Sánchez (1925–1997), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Dr. Miguel A. Romero Sánchez Memorial Fellowship in Chemistry Endowment Fund” (the “Sánchez Fund”). The Sánchez Fund will support a fellowship for an outstanding Ph.D. student in the Department of Chemistry. Preference will be given to a student with Mexican citizenship. Conditional on the recipient’s continued satisfactory academic progress the fellowship may be renewed for an additional year of study. Dr. Romero Sánchez was a prominent organic chemist in Mexico. He completed his undergraduate degree at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, his M.S. and Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Harvard University and a postdoctoral fellowship at Imperial College London. Dr. Romero Sánchez was the founder and first President of the Mexican Mineralogical Society and was awarded the Carnegie Museum of Natural History Mineralogical Award in 1992. The fellowships are made on the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED***Bursaries***

1. **Law 75th Anniversary Bursary:** Gifts totaling \$51,069.85 from alumni and friends of the Peter A. Allard School of Law, along with matching funds from the University of British Columbia, in celebration of the law school's 75th anniversary, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Law 75th Anniversary Bursary Endowment Fund" (the "Law 75th Fund"). The Law 75th Fund will support bursaries for students enrolled in the J.D. program. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year) (UBC match: \$34,067 Blue & Gold match)
2. **NITEP Student Bursary in Education:** Gifts totaling \$30,000 from alumni and friends of the Faculty of Education will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "NITEP Student Bursary in Education Endowment Fund" (the "NITEP Fund"). The NITEP Fund will support bursaries for Bachelor of Education students enrolled in the NITEP – Indigenous Teacher Education Program. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Arts

1. **Onkarbir Singh Toor Memorial Punjabi Studies Enhancement Endowment:** An initial gift of \$30,000 from Drs. Dalvinder S. Toor and Parminder Toor in memory of their son Onkarbir Singh Toor, along with gifts from family and friends, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Onkarbir Singh Toor Memorial Punjabi Studies Enhancement Endowment Fund" (the "Toor Fund"). The donors have pledged an additional \$95,000 in support of the Toor Fund for a total of \$125,000. The Toor Fund will support the Punjabi Studies program at the University. Onkarbir passed away on November 16, 2016 shortly after he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2016. One of the highlights of Onkarbir's time at UBC was taking the Punjabi Oral History program.

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Science

1. **Dennis and Patricia Lytle Endowment Fund:** A bequest in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Estate of Dennis Doey Lytle (1922-2018) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Dennis and Patricia Lytle Endowment Fund" (the "Lytle Fund"). The Lytle Fund will support the purchase of equipment, software or other technology in the Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science; and it will also support scholarship(s) of up to \$20,000 for outstanding undergraduate and graduate female students in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering under the name of "Dennis and Patricia Lytle Scholarship in Electrical and Computer Engineering". Dennis Lytle earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from UBC in 1945. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

2. **Dr. Margarita B. Martinez del Sobral Chemistry Research Endowment:** A gift in the amount of \$375,000 from Dr. Miguel Romero will establish an endowment fund in honour of his mother to be known as the “Dr. Margarita B. Martinez del Sobral Chemistry Research Endowment Fund” (the “del Sobral Fund”). The del Sobral Fund will support chemistry research at the University. Margarita Berta Martínez del Sobral was born in Mexico City. She graduated with a Bachelor degree in Architecture from the National Autonomous University of Mexico; she was the first Mexican woman to ever graduate as an Architect, and later graduated from the same university with a Master degree in Restoration of Monuments. As an Architect she constructed numerous houses, office buildings, schools, asylums, as well as industrial and religious constructions, including the restoration of a number of buildings and monuments such as historically important convents and churches from the 16th and 17th Century.

3. **William S. Hoar Memorial Endowment:** Gifts totaling \$30,344.59 from David Hoar and Stewart Hoar, together with friends and family, in memory of William S. Hoar, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “William S. Hoar Memorial Endowment Fund” (the “Hoar Fund”). The Hoar Fund will support lectures and student research stipends in the areas of comparative physiology and integrative biology in the Department of Zoology in the Faculty of Science. William Hoar was appointed Professor of Zoology at UBC in 1945 where he was known as an excellent teacher and scientist, and played a major role in shaping the Department of Zoology from 1964-71 when he was Head of Department.

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Sociology

1. **Excellence in Family Sociology Endowment:** Gifts, primarily from the CIHR Institute of Aging, will be used by the University to establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Excellence in Family Sociology Endowment Fund” (the “Sociology Fund”). The Sociology Fund will be used to support the advancement of excellence in the field of family sociology, including but not limited to remuneration for visiting professors, supporting publications, graduate and undergraduate student support, seed money for research collaborations and other initiatives.

UBC Okanagan Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Scholarships

1. **Silvia and Alfonso Vigilante Scholarship in Nursing:** A gift of \$25,000 from Silvia and Alfonso Vigilante, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Silvia and Alfonso Vigilante Scholarship in Nursing Endowment Fund (the “Vigilante Fund”). The Vigilante Fund will support scholarship(s) for second-, third- or fourth-year students in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. This scholarship is made possible by Silvia, in loving memory of Alfonso Vigilante who immigrated to Canada from Italy, raised a family and very much valued the importance of education and health care. The scholarship will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (UBC match: \$25,000 UBCO ASPIRE Campaign match)