



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 additional funding to donor endowments, the amount and source is indicated in brackets following the description:

UBC Okanagan Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

1. **Margarita Dale Memorial Nursing Endowment Fund:** A bequest in the amount of \$349,750 from the Estate of Margarita Dale will be used by the University to establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Margarita Dale Memorial Nursing Endowment Fund” (the “Dale Fund”). The Dale Fund will support three (3) awards, including [1 of 3 awards] the **Margarita Dale Memorial ‘Head of Class’ Nursing Award** for graduating students with the highest grade-point average for each of years three and four in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Margarita Dale was a Kelowna resident and a supporter of community health. The award is adjudicated by the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2022/23 academic year)

Scholarships

The Dale Fund will also support [2 of 3 awards] the **Margarita Dale Memorial Scholarship in Nursing** for third-year undergraduate students in the bachelor of science in nursing program at the University of

British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to a student who identifies as (1) Black or (2) Indigenous or (3) a person of colour. The scholarship is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2022/23 academic year)

The Dale Fund will also support [3 of 3 awards] the **Margarita Dale Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in Nursing** for undergraduate students in the bachelor of science in nursing program at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The scholarships are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First awards available for the 2022/23 academic year)

2. **Florence M. Myers Memorial Scholarship in Chemistry:** A bequest in the amount of \$50,000 from the Estate of Florence Myers, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Florence Myers Memorial Scholarship in Chemistry Endowment Fund” (the “Myers Fund”). The Myers Fund will support scholarships for domestic graduate students in the chemistry program in the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Born in 1921 in England, Florence worked as a research chemist during WW II, emigrated to Canada in 1948 and continued to work. Florence is appreciated as a pioneering Canadian female chemist. After marrying Orvil Myers and a move to Oakville Ontario, Florence became a portrait photographer. Late in life, Florence and Orvil settled in the Kootenays. Preference will be given to a female student. The scholarship is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2021/22 academic year) (UBC match: \$50,000 UBCO ASPIRE Campaign match)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

3. **Joseph and Molly Degrazio Endowment Fund:** A bequest in the amount of \$900,000 from the Estate of Mary Eleanor Degrazio will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Joseph and Molly Degrazio Endowment Fund” (the “Degrazio Fund”). The Degrazio Fund will support two (2) awards, including [1 of 2 awards] the **Joseph and Molly Degrazio Graduate PhD Entrance Award in Nursing** for domestic PhD students supervised by a School of Nursing faculty member in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Mary Eleanor “Molly” Degrazio worked as a public health nurse in Golden BC, where she met and married Joe Degrazio, before they finally settled in Kelowna. Molly loved to learn and share her experiences and knowledge. In honor of Molly’s nursing career, Molly left a gift in her will to establish an endowment for awards for Okanagan Nursing students. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated professional leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing in consultation with the College of Graduate Studies. (First award available for the 2022/23 academic year)

The Degrazio Fund will also support [2 of 2 awards] the **Joseph and Molly Degrazio Graduate Masters Entrance Award in Nursing** for domestic Masters students supervised by a School of Nursing faculty member in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated professional leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing in consultation with the College of Graduate Studies. (First award available for the 2022/23 academic year)

4. **Ingram Family Athletic Award:** A gift in the amount of \$11,666 from Richard Ingram, with an additional pledged amount of \$23,334 for a total of \$35,000, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Ingram Family Athletic Award Endowment Fund” (the “Ingram Fund”). The Ingram Fund will support one or more awards, which may range from a minimum value of \$500 each to the maximum allowable value under athletic association regulations for outstanding members of the Heat interuniversity sport teams in any year of study who are

in good academic standing and have demonstrated excellent leadership skills. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2024/25 academic year) (UBC match: \$35,000 UBCO ASPIRE Campaign match)

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Medicine

5. **Crichton Health Systems and Policy Learning Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$80,000 from Dr. David Hsu through the Hsu & Hsieh Foundation, in memory of Dr. Anne Crichton, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Crichton Health Systems and Policy Learning Endowment Fund” (the “Crichton Fund”). The Crichton Fund will support research or scholarly activities at the University related to local, provincial or Canadian health system and policy challenges. Dr. David Hsu has been a donor to UBC for almost 20 years. Dr Hsu established the Crichton Fund to honor his mentor Dr. Crichton, a passionate healthcare advocate, educator and health policy Professor at UBC from 1969 until 1985. Dr. Hsu graduated from the Master of Science in Health Services Planning and Administration program Dr Crichton created alongside health economist Lloyd Detwiller. The program evolved into the Master of Health Administration, an essential program for clinicians, managers and researchers who aspire to solve each generation’s the most complex health delivery issues. Sc’1974, MSc’1983 and Doctor of Medicine 1977) and has been a professor at UBC.
6. **Debbie and Justin Wragg-Schmidt Zoology Symposium Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$101,721.37 from Justin O. and Li Schmidt, in honour of Justin and in memory of his first wife Debbie Wragg-Schmidt, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Debbie and Justin Wragg-Schmidt Zoology Symposium Endowment Fund” (the “Wragg-Schmidt Fund”). The Wragg-Schmidt Fund will support student organized symposiums in the Department of Zoology at the Faculty of Science. Debbie graduated with a dual honours in Zoology and Chemistry from UBC in 1972, and Justin graduated with a MSc in Chemistry from UBC in 1972. Both went onto the University of Georgia, where Debbie earned her PhD in Zoology and Justin earned his PhD in Entomology. Following, Debbie went to medical school at the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta, Georgia) and during this time developed cancer and sadly passed away. Debbie Wragg and Justin Schmidt spent enjoyable and highly rewarding times at UBC as students in the Departments of Zoology and Chemistry. The outstanding support by the faculty and fellow students made a permanent and positive impact on their academic careers and personal lives. Those experiences forged their paths toward happy and satisfying adventures in zoology and medicine and engendered passions for research, teaching, service, and public outreach, the latter of which included writing the book “The Sting of the Wild”, which instills a love of insects in all people from young children to grandparents. Justin and Debbie believed students form the heart and soul of an academic department.

UBC Vancouver Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

7. **Andrew Arida Memorial Award:** Gifts totaling \$62,500 from friends, family and colleagues in memory of Andrew Arida (1970-2021), along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Andrew Arida Memorial Awards Endowment Fund” (the “Arida Fund”). The Purpose of the Arida Fund is to support award(s) for students at the University (1) who face barriers to attending university, including (but not limited to) students who have significant financial need, students who are first in family to pursue post-secondary education, former youth in care,

and students from remote or rural communities, or other students whose selection would support the objectives of furthering equity, diversity and inclusion; or (2) which enable the University to support other priority needs. Initially, the Arida Fund will support awards for outstanding domestic students who identify as Black and are entering an undergraduate program directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service, and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever comes first). Ideally, recipient selection will alternate between the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses. Andrew (B.A., M.A. 2014) joined UBC in 1996, working in a variety of positions in recruitment and admissions before assuming the position of Deputy Registrar in 2018. He was devoted to attracting well-rounded students to campus, and was proud to see UBC become increasingly diverse and accessible under his leadership. Andrew received UBC's President's Service Award for Excellence in 2018 in recognition of his contributions and service. A musician, traveler, and soccer fan, Andrew regularly gave back to the community through volunteer work. The awards are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year) (UBC match: \$62,500 Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Program match)

8. **Diane Hales Pharmaceutical Sciences:** A bequest in the amount of \$59,531.75 from the Estate of Diane Hales (B.Sc. (Pharm) 1952) will be used by the University to establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Diane Hales Pharmaceutical Sciences Endowment Fund" (the "Hales Fund"). The Hales Fund will, generally, support pharmaceutical sciences at the University in the long-term and will immediately support the Diane Hales Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences for Indigenous Students which will support award(s) for undergraduate First Nations, Inuit or Métis students in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences with outstanding academic achievement. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated community service, volunteerism or leadership skills. Diane practiced as a pharmacist in Campbell River, British Columbia, and spent her retirement on Salt Spring Island. These academic awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)
9. **Daymond Ling Award in Physics:** A gift of \$25,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$25,000, for a total of \$50,000 from Daymond Ling (B.Sc. 1976, M.Sc. (Bus Admin) 1978) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Daymond Ling Award in Physics Endowment Fund (the "Ling Fund"). The Ling Fund will support awards for third or fourth-year students in the B.Sc. Major, Honours, Combined Major or Combined Honours in Physics or Combined Honours in Biophysics programs who are in good academic standing and have excelled in science communication by demonstrating the ability to communicate the ideas and implications of physics to a wide audience. Daymond has worked for over forty years as a data scientist in financial services, and is regarded as an industry leader. After graduating from UBC, he joined American Express's fraud investigation team, where he was a recipient of a Chairman's Award of Excellence for Innovation. Daymond then joined CIBC in 1996 to assist its customer relationship management team, and was awarded the company's Achievers Award for Innovation twenty times for his contributions in analytics. After 20 years at CIBC, he joined Qwestrade Financial Group in 2019 as Head of Analytics. Daymond serves as an analytics advisory board member, mentor and is regularly invited to

speak at conferences. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Physics & Astronomy. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)

10. **Irene M. Stewart Memorial Award in Law:** Gifts of \$204,050 from the Stewart Family and Fraser Litigation Group, in memory of Irene M. Stewart (1948-2020), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Irene M. Stewart Memorial Award in Law Endowment Fund” (the “Stewart Fund”). The Stewart Fund will support awards for outstanding second or third-year domestic J.D. students who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated an interest in corporate or commercial law through academic pursuits and volunteer involvement. Irene (B.A., LL.B. 1971) was born in Caterham, England, and moved to Canada as a child. She was called to the bar in British Columbia in 1972 and practiced for forty-eight years as a corporate and real estate lawyer before her unexpected passing. Irene was a partner at Russell DuMoulin and Gowling WLG LLP before joining Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. Irene was highly regarded in the legal community for her outstanding legal knowledge and skills, professionalism and dedication to her clients. This academic award is made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)

Scholarships

11. **Campora-Hanni Scholarship:** A gift of \$50,000 from Garry Hanni (B.Sc. 1970) and Dr. Elisabetta Campora will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Campora-Hanni Scholarship Endowment Fund” (the “Campora-Hanni Fund”). The Campora Hanni Fund will support scholarships for outstanding domestic students in engineering, medicine or science, but will initially be used to support scholarships for outstanding domestic students in the Bachelor of Applied Science program. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Applied Science. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)
12. **Bill Meekison Memorial Scholarship in Public Health:** A gift of \$125,000 from James Meekison, friends and family, in memory of Bill Meekison (1934-2019), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Bill Meekison Memorial Scholarship in Public Health Endowment Fund” (the “Meekison Fund”). The Meekison Fund will support scholarships for outstanding M.P.H. and Ph.D. students in the School of Population and Public Health who are researching public health. Bill (B.A. 1957, M.D. 1962, M.P.H.) obtained his Master of Public Health from the University of Toronto after graduating from UBC, and began his career as a public health officer in Williams Lake, British Columbia. He later served as Director of the Boundary Health Unit in the Lower Mainland, during which he prohibited a bar from serving drinks with a frost-bitten toe in them, an incident chronicled by one newspaper under the headline “Dr. Bill Says Toe Must Go”. Bill was an advocate for preventative medicine and public health, advising on vaccine clinical trials for the chicken pox vaccine and serving as a Director for the New Westminster-based Affordable Housing Societies. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the School of Population and Public Health, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)
13. **Claire Milne Memorial Scholarship in Social Work:** A gift of \$250,000 from Robert Alexander Milne and the Milne Family, in memory of Claire Milne (1927-2020), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Claire Milne Memorial Scholarship in Social Work Endowment Fund” (the “Milne Fund”). The Milne Fund will support scholarships for outstanding students in the Bachelor of Social Work program who have demonstrated an interest in geriatric social work or in working with vulnerable populations. Preference will be given to students who are from communities that have been historically, persistently and systemically discriminated against. Claire (B.A. 1949, B.S.W. 1950) was born and raised in Vancouver,

British Columbia. While studying at UBC, she spent her summers working for the Vancouver Parks Board as a supervisor at Maple Grove Park in the Kerrisdale neighbourhood of Vancouver. Claire worked with vulnerable young women after receiving her social work degree. She returned to social work after raising her four children, and cared for the elderly, work she continued until her retirement. This scholarship was established in recognition of Claire's work to serve and care for vulnerable populations. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the School of Social Work. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)

Prizes

14. **Kellough Tillinghast Nitikman Prize in Tax Law:** A gift of \$50,000 from Joel A. Nitikman, Q.C. (B.Sc. 1982, LL.B., LL.M.), in honour of Howard J. Kellough, Q.C. and David R. Tillinghast (1930-2018), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Kellough Tillinghast Nitikman Prize in Tax Law Endowment Fund" (the "Nitikman Fund"). The Nitikman Fund will support prizes for top graduating students in the LL.M. in Taxation program. Mr. Kellough is a retired tax lawyer and was a founding partner of Mawhinney & Kellough (now Dentons Canada LLP). His practice focused on domestic and international corporate tax matters. He served as Chairman of the Canadian Tax Foundation and the National Tax Section of the Canadian Bar Association. Mr. Tillinghast was an international tax lawyer, and from 1962 to 1965 was the first US Department of the Treasury Special Assistant for International Affairs. He helped develop the US international tax system, the structure of which remains in place today. Mr. Nitikman is a leading Canadian tax litigation lawyer. In 2006 and 2016 he received the Douglas J. Sherbaniuk Distinguished Writing Award from the Canadian Tax Foundation, and in 2012 was awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The prize is made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Bursaries:

15. **Dr. Gerd and Dr. Ursula Asche Canadian Medical Students:** A bequest in the amount of \$750,000 from the Estate of Dr. Gerd Asche (1920-2017), in memory of his wife Dr. Ursula Asche (1925-2017), will be used by the University to establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Dr. Gerd and Dr. Ursula Asche Canadian Medical Students Endowment Fund" (the "Asche Fund"). The Asche Fund will support bursaries for M.D. students. Dr. Gerd Asche graduated from Friedrich Wilhelm University in what was then West Germany in 1951. He and his wife, Dr. Ursula Asche (née Quint), emigrated to Hope, British Columbia shortly after, where they spent the rest of their lives. They practiced as physicians at the Asche Medical Clinic in Hope, which they owned and operated. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)
16. **Thelma Sieffert Memorial Bursary in Nursing:** A gift of \$100,000 from Bruce Sieffert and the Sieffert Family, in memory of Thelma Sieffert (1923-2015), will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Thelma Sieffert Memorial Bursary in Nursing Endowment Fund" (the "Sieffert Fund"). The Sieffert Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Nursing. Thelma was born in Vancouver, British Columbia and graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. She received a Diploma in Public Health Nursing from UBC in 1956, and worked as Public

Health Nurse from 1958 to 1981. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

17. **Peterson-Wesbrook Scholars Student Mobility Award:** Using University generated funds in the amount of \$50,000, The University of British Columbia will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Peterson-Wesbrook Scholars Student Mobility Award Endowment Fund” (the “Peterson-Wesbrook Fund”). The Peterson-Wesbrook Fund will support awards for students participating in exchange at McGill University. The number of awards available annually will be based on the available space at McGill for exchange. The awards are made on the recommendation of Go Global. (First award available for the 2020/2021 academic year)

18. **Art Vertlieb Thunderbird Men’s Hockey:** A gift of \$10,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$40,000, for a total of \$50,000 from Art Vertlieb, Q.C., will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Art Vertlieb Thunderbird Men’s Hockey Endowment Fund” (the “Vertlieb Fund”). The Vertlieb Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the Thunderbird Men’s Hockey Team. Preference will be given to goaltenders. Art is a Partner at Vertlieb & Co, focusing on personal injury law and medical negligence. He is a leading member of the law profession, serving as President of the Law Society of British Columbia in 2013. In 2012, Art received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contributions to the legal community. He is a long-time supporter of the Thunderbird Men’s Hockey Team, previously serving as the Director of the Thunderbird Hockey Alumni Society. Art established this award to support outstanding members of the team. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Head Coach of the Men’s Hockey Team and the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)