



<b>SUBJECT</b>	Establishment of New Endowments
<b>SUBMITTED TO</b>	Learning & Research Committee
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### PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission (endowment funds approved by the President) is provided at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Learning & Research Committee on a quarterly basis, most recently in [September 2021](#).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The endowment funds listed under this briefing 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 briefing 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 Vancouver Faculty of Medicine

1. **ALS Society of BC Research Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$5,000,000 from the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of British Columbia (“ALS Society of BC”) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “ALS Society of BC Research Endowment Fund” (the “ALS Society Fund”). The ALS Society Fund will support research in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, ordinarily through supporting the ALS Society of BC Professorship at UBC (the “Professorship”). This Professorship is the first position that will be supported by the President’s Academic Enhancement Initiative.

#### UBC Vancouver Student Awards

##### NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

##### *Scholarship*

2. **Richard J. and Julia Krejsa Scholarship in Oceans and Fisheries:** A gift of \$63,578 from Richard J. Krejsa (Ph.D. 1965) and Julia Krejsa (née Sheehan) will establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Richard J. and Julia Krejsa Scholarship in Oceans and Fisheries Endowment Fund” (the “Krejsa Fund”). The Krejsa Fund will support scholarships for outstanding graduate students enrolled in the M.Sc. or Ph.D.

in Oceans and Fisheries program studying biological remediation methods of fishery recovery and restoration within marine, estuarine, and/or freshwater ecosystems affected by environmental impacts, particularly pollution and climate change. Preference will be given to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students of Canada. Richard and Julia met at UBC while Ph.D. candidates in the Department of Zoology and the Department of English respectively. Richard is a Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. This scholarship was established in honour of Richard's thesis supervisor, Professor Casimir C. Lindsey, and his wife, Shelagh P. Lindsey, and in memory of Dean Walter H. Gage (1905-1977), who loaned Richard a few hundred dollars after his and Julia's first son Daniel was born in Acadia Camp on campus. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)

### NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

3. **Peter Wanyenya Memorial Graduate Award:** With \$50,000 in University generated funds from the Faculty of Arts, the University will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Peter Wanyenya Memorial Graduate Award Endowment Fund" (the "Wanyenya Fund"). The Wanyenya Fund will support awards for graduate students in the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice studying groups that have been historically, persistently or systemically discriminated against. Initially, the award will support students whose research focuses on African refugees, African-Canadian/Black Canadian studies, Indigeneity and Africanity, African Migrants or Asylum seekers resettlement. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated community engagement, mentorship or advocacy within the African-Canadian/Black Canadian youth communities. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2021/2022 academic year)