



SUBJECT	Establishment of New Endowments
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Endowment Policy (FM5), 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.

This submission reports to the Board on the endowment funds that have been approved by the President, on the recommendation of the University Counsel, since the last report was submitted to the Board. It is being presented for information only. The endowment funds that have been established are set out in Appendix 1.

APPENDICES

1. New Endowments

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):

NEW ENDOWMENTS

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Arts

1. **Gary Coull Professorship in International Reporting at UBC Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$5,000,000 from the Leslie Mary Coull Alter Ego Trust (associated with the Estate of Gary Coull) has established an endowment fund known as the “Gary Coull Professorship in International Reporting at UBC Endowment Fund” (the “Coull Fund”). The Coull Fund will support research and education in journalism ordinarily through supporting the Gary Coull Professorship in International Reporting at UBC. Mr. Coull (1954-2006) graduated from UBC with a BA in 1976.
2. **Roy Barnett Fellowship in Piano Performance Endowment Fund:** Between 2010-2021, Roy Barnett (B.Com. 1961) made gifts to the University to support the School of Music. A portion of the gifts was used by the University to support the refurbishment of the Roy Barnett Recital Hall at the School of Music. In consultation with Mr. Barnett, the University has used the remaining \$1,396,745, plus any interest, and has established an endowment fund known as the “Roy Barnett Fellowship in Piano Performance Endowment Fund” (the “Barnett Fund”). The Barnett Fund will support fellowships for outstanding M.Mus. or D.M.A. students pursuing piano performance. The fellowship is made on the recommendation of the School of Music, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
3. **Guppy Undergraduate Excellence in Sociology Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$50,499 from Neil Guppy has established an endowment fund known as the “Guppy Undergraduate Excellence in Sociology Endowment Fund” (the “Guppy Fund”). The Guppy Fund will support research, education, and training activities for undergraduate students studying sociology. Neil’s UBC career began in 1979 and continued until his retirement in 2021. Neil became the first Head of the stand-alone Sociology Department at UBC in 2006. He has been an Associate Dean (Arts), an Associate Vice-President (Provost’s Office), the Director of the Coordinated Arts Program, a Senior Advisor to the Provosts on Academic Freedom, an Acting Managing Director of Student Services and Development, an Acting Principal of Vantage College, and a member of the Boards of both UBC Press and the Faculty Pension Plan.

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Medicine

4. **Mary-Jane Carroll Legacy Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$500,000 from Evelyn and Everett Maxwell Carroll has established an endowment fund known as the “Mary-Jane Carroll Legacy Endowment Fund” (the “Carroll Fund”). The Carroll Fund will support research in medical genetics, with a preference to support research in genetic variants performed by graduate students, other trainees, and postdoctoral and clinical fellows. The Carroll Fund was established to honour their daughter, Mary-Jane Carroll, who had a condition caused by a genetic variant. Evelyn Carroll is a double alumna from UBC (BScN 1980, MEd 1987); Everett is also a UBC alumna (BEd 1969).
5. **Sir Magdi Yacoub Professorship in Tissue Regeneration at UBC Endowment Fund:** An initial gift of \$2,500,000, from a total pledged gift of \$5,000,000 from United Therapeutics Corporation has established an endowment fund known as the “Sir Magdi Yacoub Professorship in Tissue Regeneration at UBC Endowment Fund” (the “Yacoub Fund”). The Yacoub Fund will support tissue regeneration research, training, and education at the University, ordinarily through supporting the Sir Magdi Yacoub Professorship in Tissue Regeneration at UBC.

UBC Vancouver Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

1. **Shelagh J. Smith Award for Mature Students in Nursing:** A bequest of \$30,000 from the estate of Shelagh Smith (1928–2021) has established an endowment fund known as the “Shelagh J Smith Award for Mature Students Endowment Fund” (the “Smith Fund”). The Smith Fund will support awards for outstanding mature students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need. Shelagh (B.A.Sc. (Nursing) 1950, M.S.N. 1982) was raised in Yukon and after completing her undergraduate degree, taught at hospitals in Montreal and New York. In her early 50s, she returned to her studies as a mature student and joined the UBC School of Nursing as a senior nursing instructor. Shelagh was awarded the 2017 UBC Donor Partnership Award and received a Centenary Medal of Distinction in 2019. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
2. **Allan E. Black Award in Law:** Gifts of \$50,000 from friends, family, and colleagues in honour of Allan E. Black (B.A. 1966, LL.B. 1969), K.C., has established an endowment fund known as the “Allan E. Black Award in Law Endowment Fund” (the “Black Fund”). The Black Fund will support awards for second- or third-year domestic students in the J.D. program who have good academic standing. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated an interest in labour law and the betterment of working conditions for workers and unionized employees within B.C. or Canada. Allan was a founding partner of the Black Gropper law firm and gained extensive experience representing trade unions, faculty associations, and employees in all facets of labour relations, including education law and administrative, employment, and human rights.. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
3. **Helmut and Donna Meisl Award in Social Work:** A gift of \$50,000 from Dr. Helmut Meisl (B.Sc.1970, M.D. 1976) and Donna Meisl has established an endowment fund known as the “Helmut and Donna Meisl Award in Social Work Endowment Fund” (the “Meisl Fund”). The Meisl Fund will support awards for domestic fourth-year students in the Bachelor of Social Work program and domestic graduate students in the Master of Social Work program, who have good academic standing and who have a placement in a health care setting. After completing his education in medicine at UBC, Helmut worked as an emergency care doctor. Donna is an artist and graduated with a BFA at the California College of the Arts, majoring in drawing and sculpture. Helmut and Donna established the award to encourage students to pursue a career as a social worker in health care. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Social Work, and in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
4. **Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP, William M. Holburn, K.C., Award:** An initial gift of \$20,000, from a total pledge of \$50,000, from Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP, in memory of William M. Holburn, K.C. (1941- 2022), along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP, William M. Holburn, K.C., Award Endowment Fund” (the “Holburn Fund”). The Holburn Fund will support awards for students entering the J.D. Program who are in need of financial assistance and have demonstrated academic excellence. Mr. Holburn was a founding partner of Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP where his practice focused on insurance, commercial and class action litigation..The award is made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year) (UBC match: \$50,000 Forward campaign match)

Scholarships

5. **Dottie Davies Memorial Scholarship in Microbiology and Immunology:** With a gift of \$100,000 from Dr. Julian Davies (B.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc. 2003), in memory of his wife, Dorothy “Dottie” Davies (1932-2017), the University has established an endowment fund known as the “Dottie Davies Memorial Scholarship in Microbiology and Immunology Endowment Fund” (the “Davies Fund”). The Davies Fund will support scholarships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. This scholarship was established in recognition of the support and encouragement Dottie offered to the undergraduate and graduate students, and their families, that she encountered. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Bursaries

6. **Shawn Dhillon Memorial Bursary in Arts:** A gift of \$50,000 from Jagdev (M.Sc. 1966) and Brajinder Dhillon, together with Tina Dhillon (B.Arch. 1988), in memory of Shawn Dhillon (1964–2020), has established an endowment fund known as the “Shawn Dhillon Memorial Bursary in Arts Endowment Fund” (the “Dhillon Fund”). The Dhillon Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts. Shawn completed his Bachelor of Arts at Simon Fraser University and two Master’s degrees from the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, one in Sociology and one in Philosophy. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year) UBC match: \$50,000 Forward campaign match)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

7. **Danny and Christina Smith Family UBC Football Award:** An initial gift of \$10,000, from a total pledge of \$50,000, from Danny and Christina Smith, along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Danny and Christina Smith Family UBC Football Award (the “Smith Family Fund”). The Smith Family Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the UBC Thunderbird Football Team in any year of study, who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills, athletic ability and have maintained good academic standing. Preference will be given to graduates of high schools located on Vancouver Island, BC. Financial need may be considered. Danny played football at UBC from 1975-1979 . He set 16 UBC passing records and was inducted into the UBC Hall of Fame in Football in 1997 and the BC Football Hall of Fame in 2013. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2023/2024 winter session) (UBC match: \$50,000 Forward campaign match)