



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 Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

1. **Adel Foundation Award in Classical Persian Poetry:** Gifts of \$60,000 received from the Private Giving Foundation’s donor-advised fund program, on the recommendation of the donor-advisor Anoushirvan (Abe) Adel, in honour of Mahmoud Adel-Sabzevari, have established an endowment fund known as the “Adel Foundation Award in Classical Persian Poetry Endowment Fund” (the “Adel Foundation Fund”). The Adel Foundation Fund will support awards for outstanding students studying classical Persian poetry in the Department of Asian Studies. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated an interest in Persian poetry through coursework and/or writing their own Persian poetry. After growing up as an orphan in poverty, Mahmoud Adel-Sabzevari studied History and Geography in the late 1930s at the University of Tehran. His most significant passion was Persian literature, and this award has been created to honor his legacy. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Asian Studies, 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)

2. **Joshua Cinnamon Memorial Award in Hockey:** Gifts of \$58,320 from family and friends in memory of Joshua Cinnamon (1977–2021) have established an endowment fund known as the “Joshua Cinnamon Memorial Award in Hockey Endowment Fund” (the “Cinnamon Fund”). The Cinnamon Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the UBC Men’s Varsity Ice Hockey team in any year of study. Joshua (B.A. 2001) was a member of the Nelson Leafs, before joining the UBC Thunderbirds Men’s Varsity Ice Hockey Team in 1998. Josh worked hard to achieve success in both athletics and academics at UBC, and did so with decency and respect for others. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Men’s Ice Hockey Coaches and the Athletic Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

3. **John Helliwell Award in Economics:** Gifts of \$53,971.57 from friends, family and colleagues in honour of Dr. John F. Helliwell (B.Com. 1959), along with funds from the University’s Faculty of Arts, have established an endowment fund known as the “John Helliwell Award in Economics Endowment Fund” (the “Helliwell Fund”). The Helliwell Fund will support awards for outstanding graduate students in the Vancouver School of Economics. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an interest in focusing their studies on topics related to happiness and well-being. Dr. Helliwell is a Canadian economist and Professor Emeritus of Economics at UBC. Dr. Helliwell has been with the Vancouver School of Economics since 1967 and was also the Mackenzie King Visiting Professor at Harvard from 1991–1994. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Vancouver School of Economics, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 winter session) (UBC contribution: \$14,868 Faculty of Arts)

4. **How Yin and Wai Hung (Elsie) Leung Award in Community and Regional Planning:** A gift of \$50,000 from How Yin Leung (M.Sc. 1970) and Wai Hung (Elsie) Leung has established an endowment fund to be known as the “How Yin and Wai Hung (Elsie) Leung Award in Community and Regional Planning” (the “Leung Planning Fund”). The Leung Planning Fund will support awards for outstanding graduate students enrolled in a degree program and/or engaged in a research project offered by the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP). Financial need may be considered. How Yin, also a graduate and scholarship recipient from SCARP, was a planner and member of senior management in the City of Surrey, BC, for the majority of his planning career prior to his retirement in 2005. How Yin and his wife Elsie are dedicated to encouraging and supporting outstanding graduate students enrolled in the programs offered by How Yin’s alma mater. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Community and Regional Planning, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

5. **How Yin and Wai Hung (Elsie) Leung Award in Geriatric Medicine:** A gift of \$50,000 from How Yin Leung (M.Sc. 1970) and Wai Hung (Elsie) Leung has established an endowment fund known as the “How Yin and Wai Hung (Elsie) Leung Award in Geriatric Medicine Endowment Fund” (the “Leung Geriatric Fund”). The Leung Geriatric Fund will support awards for outstanding M.D. students pursuing electives in geriatric medicine. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need. Understanding that there is a critical shortage of geriatricians across Canada, and recognizing the importance of attracting trainees to the study of geriatric medicine to address this shortage, How Yin and Elsie are passionate about encouraging M.D. students to take geriatric electives in the hope that they will choose geriatrics as their specialization. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

Scholarships

6. **Bing Thom Scholarship:** A gift of \$275,724 from the Bing Thom Scholarship Fund held at the Vancouver Foundation has established an endowment fund, in memory of Bing Thom (1940–2016), known as the “Bing Thom Scholarship Endowment Fund” (the “Thom Fund”). The Thom Fund will support scholarships for outstanding students enrolled in the Master of Architecture program. Bing (B.Arch. 1966, M.Arch., LL.D. 2008) established Bing Thom Architects in 1982 and the Bing Thom Architects Foundation in 2001. He was always inspired by the words of Henry Elder, Director of the School of Architecture at UBC from 1962–1974, who taught that “students should not lose sight of their real purpose of changing civilization.” The scholarships 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 2023/2024 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Awards:

7. **J. David King Memorial Award in Sustainable Agriculture:** A gift of \$50,000 from Aletta Anne King (LL.B. 1980) in memory of her father, J. David King (1922–2013), has established an endowment fund known as the “J. David King Memorial Award in Sustainable Agriculture Endowment Fund” (the “King Fund”). The

King Fund will support awards for students in any faculty enrolled in the UBC Farm Practicum in Sustainable Agriculture who demonstrate financial need. If in any given year, there are no eligible students in the practicum program, the award may go to a student majoring in Sustainable Agriculture and Environment. J. David King (B.Com. 1945, B.Sc. (Agr.) 1945) believed passionately in the economic potential of BC to create and sustain opportunities to support good lives for its diverse residents. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems, 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)

8. **Steven Lewis Point Award in Law for Indigenous Students:** An initial gift of \$25,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$25,000 for a total of \$50,000, from Dr. Yosef Wosk, (B.A. 1971) O.C., O.B.C., along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund, in honour of The Honourable Steven Lewis Point (LL.B. 1985, LL.D. 2013) O.B.C., known as the “Steven Lewis Point Award in Law for Indigenous Students Endowment Fund” (the “Point Fund”). The Point Fund will support awards for second- and third-year J.D. students who are First Nations, Inuit or Métis of Canada and who are in need of financial assistance. Appointed in 2020, The Hon. Steven Point became the 19th Chancellor of UBC and the first Indigenous person to hold the position. As member of the Skowkale First Nation, he served as chief from 1975–1999. He taught law at what is now known as the Peter A. Allard School of Law and became the Director of the First Nations Legal Studies Program. He has served as a judge in the Provincial Court of BC and went on to become the first Indigenous Lieutenant Governor of BC in 2007. The Hon. Steven Point was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, and the Order of BC. The awards are 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)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

9. **Antturi Family Award in Swimming:** A gift of \$50,000 from the Antturi family, along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Anturri Family Award in Swimming Endowment Fund” (the “Anturri Fund”). The Anturri Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the UBC Men’s and Women’s Swimming Teams who demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to student athletes enrolled in programs in the UBC Sauder School of Business. Peter Antturi (B.Com. 1983) was a member of the UBC Swimming and Diving Team, and he and his family hope this award will allow student athletes from all backgrounds to fulfil their athletic and academic potential. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Swimming Head Coach and the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year) (UBC match: \$50,000)
10. **Emily Selwood Memorial Award in Arts:** A gift of \$51,670 from Duncan Selwood and Laurie Selwood along with friends, family, and the wider community, in memory of Emily Selwood (2003–2021), has established an endowment fund known as the “Emily Selwood Memorial Award in Arts Endowment Fund” (the “Selwood Fund”). The Selwood Fund will support awards for incoming first-year students entering the Faculty of Arts directly from high school who demonstrate an interest in social sciences and a commitment to community leadership or volunteering. Preference will be given to students from British Columbia. Emily’s passion for social sciences brought her to study at UBC in the Faculty of Arts in the fall of 2021, where she loved her classes and quickly formed extraordinary friendships. Her kind and gentle spirit

touched many lives in her 18 short years: her compassion and dedication to service led her to give back to community, help those in need, and protect the environment. She was an accomplished rower and loved camping, hiking, and being in nature. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

11. **Thunderbird Alumni Award in Women’s Basketball:** An initial gift of \$5,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$20,000 for a total of \$25,000, from Erica McGuinness (B.Com. 2008), along funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Thunderbird Alumni Award in Women’s Basketball Endowment Fund” (the “Women’s Basketball Fund”). The Women’s Basketball Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the UBC Women’s Basketball team in any year of study who demonstrate financial need, leadership qualities and a team-first attitude. A proud Women’s Basketball alumna, Erica was a key member of the team and won three U Sports National Titles during her five-year career at UBC. She was inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. She has been active in the community as a board member of viaSport – BC’s amateur sport hub – and Chair of UBC’s Thunderbird Alumni Council. She hopes that this award will allow student athletes from all backgrounds to fulfil their academic and sporting potential. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Women’s Basketball Head Coach and the Athletic Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year) (UBC contribution: \$50,000)

12. **Sheppard Award in Urban Forestry:** An initial gift of \$18,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$32,000 for a total of \$50,000, from Emeritus Professor, Dr. Stephen Sheppard (B.A., M.A., M.Sc. 1978, Ph.D.) and his family, has established an endowment fund known as the “Sheppard Award in Urban Forestry Endowment Fund” (the “Sheppard Fund”). The Sheppard Fund will support awards for outstanding fourth-year Bachelor of Urban Forestry students who demonstrate community involvement and leadership skills. Stephen had a career at UBC that spanned almost 25 years. He led the establishment of the Bachelor of Urban Forestry (BUF) degree and was its first program director. In addition, his commitment to public service, community engagement, and climate change action has left an indelible mark on the program, shaping both the curriculum and the program culture. Stephen is still known by BUF students and his colleagues as an extremely welcoming, compassionate, and committed leader who values community service and engagement, particularly in regards to climate change. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry. (Endowing of an existing annual award)