



SUBJECT	Establishment of New Endowments
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REQUEST	For information only - No action requested
LEAD EXECUTIVE	Hubert Lai, K.C., University Counsel
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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):

UBC Okanagan Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

1. **Corbishley Family Graduate Award in Science:** An initial gift of \$100,000, from a total pledged gift of \$200,000, from Douglas (B.A.Sc. 1959) and Diane Corbishley, along with funds from the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science, has established an endowment fund known as the “Corbishley Family Graduate Award in Science Endowment Fund” (the “Corbishley Science Fund”). The Corbishley Science Fund will support awards for graduate students in any program within the Faculty of Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The awards are established by Doug and Diane in recognition of their long history in the Okanagan Valley and their enduring commitment to making a positive difference for UBC’s Okanagan campus. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (UBC match: \$100,000 Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science)
2. **UBC Okanagan Faculty of Science Graduate Award:** An initial gift of \$25,000, from a total pledged gift of \$75,000, from Montaque Tuck and Brenda Tuck, along with matching funds from the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science, has established an endowment known as the “UBC Okanagan Faculty of Science Graduate Award Endowment Fund” (the “Graduate Science Fund”). The Graduate Science Fund will support awards for graduate students in any program within the Faculty of Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (UBC 1:1 match: up to \$75,000 as gift payments are received; Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Bursaries

3. **Douglas A. Corbishley Bursary in Engineering:** An initial gift of \$100,000, from a total pledged gift of \$200,000, from Douglas and Diane Corbishley, along with funds from the University of British Columbia, has established an endowment fund known as the “Douglas A. Corbishley Bursary in Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “Corbishley Engineering Fund”). The Corbishley Engineering Fund will support bursaries for third- or fourth-year undergraduate students in the Bachelor of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to students who have graduated from a secondary school in the Okanagan Valley. The Corbishley family has strong ties to the south Okanagan. Raised in Oliver, BC, Doug graduated from UBC in 1959 with a B.A.Sc. in Chemical Engineering. The bursaries will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (UBC match: \$50,000 Aspire campaign)
4. **Keith & Greta Steele Memorial Bursary in Engineering:** A gift of \$50,000 from the Estate of Keith J. Steele (B.A.Sc. 1950) has established an endowment fund known as the “Keith & Greta Steele Memorial Bursary in Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “Steele Fund”). The Steele Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate students in the Bachelor of Applied Science program at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Following his degree in Electrical Engineering, Keith embarked on a four-decade career with INCO, one that took him and Greta to some of the most remote and unusual parts of the globe. He always credited UBC for equipping him with the tools that allowed both a demanding professional career and the opportunity to experience many different cultures. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

5. **Students’ Union of UBC Okanagan Bursary in Graduate Studies:** A gift of \$35,000 from the Student Union of UBC Okanagan, along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Students’ Union of UBC Okanagan Bursary in Graduate Studies Endowment Fund” (the “SUO Graduate Studies Fund”). The SUO Graduate Studies Fund will support bursaries for graduate students at the University’s Okanagan campus. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (UBC match: \$35,000 Aspire campaign)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

6. **Denise Janet King Memorial Award in Nursing:** An initial gift of \$25,000, from a total pledged gift of \$100,000, from Brett Channell, along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Denise Janet King Memorial Award in Nursing Endowment Fund” (the “King Fund”), in memory of Denise Janet King (née Stewart). The King Fund will support awards for undergraduate students entering third-year in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University’s Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and leadership within their community, along with academic excellence and financial need. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available 2025/2026 academic year) (UBC 1:1 match: up to \$100,000 as gift payments are received; Aspire campaign)

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NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

7. **Mohammad Ghattan-Kashani Centennial Scholars Award:** An initial gift of \$50,000, from a total pledged gift of \$125,000, from Mohammad Ghattan-Kashani has established an endowment fund known as the “Mohammad Ghattan-Kashani Centennial Scholars Award Endowment Fund” (the “Ghattan-Kashani Fund”). The Ghattan-Kashani Fund will support awards for outstanding domestic students entering 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 good 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). The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
8. **Buur-Thorlakson Family Entrance Award in Counselling Psychology:** A gift of \$100,000 from Marianne Thorlakson has established an endowment fund known as the “Buur-Thorlakson Family Entrance Award in Counselling Psychology Endowment Fund” (the “Buur-Thorlakson Fund”). The Buur Thorlakson Fund will support awards for Master of Education in Counselling Psychology students who demonstrate outstanding support for individuals through challenging circumstances, and outstanding examples of professional leadership. Preference will be given to students focusing on School Counselling. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
9. **Dr. Kimberly M. Cheng and Cathleen R. Nichols Award in Avian Studies:** Gifts totaling \$30,000* from Cathleen R. Nichols (B.Sc. 1983, M.Sc. 1991), in honour of Dr. Kimberly M. Cheng, have established an endowment fund known as the “Dr. Kimberly M. Cheng and Cathleen R. Nichols Award in Avian Studies Endowment Fund” (the “Cheng and Nichols Fund”). The Cheng and Nichols Fund will support awards for outstanding graduate students whose research focuses on avian welfare, avian conservation, avian biology or avian management. Preference will be given to students in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award

available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (*endowment minimum at the time the first pledged payment was received)

Fellowships

- Dr. Margaret Carlson Fellowship in Music:** An initial gift of \$300,000, from a total pledged gift of \$600,000, from Dr. Margaret A. Carlson (B.Sc. 1958, M.D. 1964) has established an endowment fund known as the “Dr. Margaret Carlson Fellowship in Music Endowment Fund” (the “Carlson Fund”). The Carlson Fund will support fellowships for outstanding graduate students in the UBC School of Music. Financial need may be considered. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC School of Music, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

Scholarships

- Jane Fleming Memorial Scholarship in Geography:** A gift of \$51,157 from the Estate of Jane Isabel Fleming has established an endowment fund known as the “Jane Fleming Scholarship in Geography Endowment Fund” (the “Fleming Fund”). The Fleming Fund will support scholarships for outstanding women enrolled in a graduate program in the Department of Geography. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Geography, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

Prizes

- Chris Orvig Doctoral Prize in Chemistry:** Gifts totaling \$25,000 from friends, family, students and colleagues in honor of Dr. Chris Orvig, along with matching funds from the University, have established an endowment fund known as the “Chris Orvig Doctoral Prize in Chemistry Endowment Fund” (the “Orvig Fund”). The Orvig Fund will support prizes for graduate students in the Faculty of Science studying Chemistry who have written the highest-ranking Ph.D. thesis. Dr. Orvig was a faculty member and Director of the Medicinal Inorganic Chemistry Group at UBC Chemistry from 1984 until his retirement in December 2022. His research focused on the roles of metal ions in the etiology, diagnosis, and therapy of disease. During his long career at UBC, Chris trained a large number of graduate students, many of whom now have positions in industry and academia around the world. The awards are made on the recommendation of Department of Chemistry. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (UBC match: \$25,000 Department of Chemistry)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Awards

- Dr. John F. McCreary Memorial Award in Pediatrics:** A gift of \$50,000 in memory of Dr. John F. McCreary, OC (1910–1979) by his son has established an endowment fund known as the “Dr. John F. McCreary Memorial Award in Pediatrics Endowment Fund” (the “McCreary Fund”). The McCreary Fund will support awards for M.D. students who demonstrate financial need and an interest in the field of Pediatrics. Preference will be given to fourth-year students who have matched to a pediatric residency. After he completed his medical training from the University of Toronto and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII, Dr. McCreary (M.D.) accepted an invitation to become a professor and the inaugural Head of the Department of Pediatrics at UBC in 1951, before being appointed the third Dean of Medicine from 1959 to 1972. During his time at UBC, Dr. McCreary made his vision of interprofessional collaboration and education in clinical work a reality by helping spearhead the UBC Health Sciences Centre, now known as UBC Health. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
- Jiang Family Centennial Scholars Award:** A gift of \$138,600 from Fuyang Future Education Foundation has established an endowment fund known as the “Jiang Family Centennial Scholars Award Endowment Fund” (the “Jiang Family Fund”). The Jiang Family Fund will support awards for outstanding domestic students

entering 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 good 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). The awards are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)

15. **Seshadri Family Award in Marketing:** An initial gift of \$25,000, from a total pledged gift of \$100,000, from Simon Seshadri (B.Com. 1988, M.B.A.) has established an endowment fund known as the “Seshadri Family Award in Marketing Endowment Fund” (the “Seshadri Fund”). The Seshadri Fund will support awards for Bachelor of Commerce students who demonstrate financial need and an interest in Marketing. Preference will be given to students who graduated from a secondary school in British Columbia. While a student at UBC, Simon served as the AMS President and as a student representative on the University’s Board of Governors. Simon is proud to establish this award to recognize the profound impact that his UBC education and experience have had on his life and his career, and is excited to support students who share his passion for marketing and who will benefit from financial assistance. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

16. **Canadian Mineral Processors Award in Mining Engineering:** A gift of \$50,000 from the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum, on behalf of its technical society the Canadian Mineral Processors (CMP), BC/Yukon Branch, has established an endowment fund known as the “Canadian Mineral Processors Award in Mining Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “CMP Fund”). The CMP Fund will support awards for Bachelor of Applied Science students studying Mining Engineering who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in mineral processing and extractive metallurgy through co-ops, internships, relevant volunteer work, or other related experiences. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Applied Sciences. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
17. **Stephen Owen Memorial Award in Public Policy and Global Affairs:** An initial gift of \$25,000, from a total pledged gift of \$50,000, from Dr. Yosef Wosk, OC, OBC (B.A. 1971), in memory of Stephen Owen, KC, PC (1948–2023), has established an endowment fund known as the “Stephen Owen Memorial Award in Public Policy and Global Affairs Endowment Fund” (the “Owen Fund”). The Owen Fund will support awards for second-year graduate students in the Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs program who demonstrate a commitment to public service through community engagement, a spirit of challenging and advancing social justice initiatives, and a commitment to pursuing a career in public service. Stephen (LL.B. 1972, LL.M., M.B.A.) was a lawyer, politician and civil servant who held numerous positions throughout his career including Ombudsman for BC (1986–1992), Head of the Commission on Resources and the Environment (1992–1995) and Deputy Attorney General for BC (1995–1997). He was elected as a Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra (2000–2007) and held federal cabinet positions in three ministries: Western Economic Diversification, Public Works and Government Services and Minister of State for Sport. Following his political career, he became Vice-President, External, Legal and Community Relations at UBC. This award honours his unwavering dedication to the public good and to public service. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
18. **1970s & 1980s Thunderbird Lightweight Rowing Alumni Award:** Gifts totaling \$50,000 from the varsity lightweight rowing alumni from the 1970s and 1980s have established an endowment fund known as the “1970s & 1980s Thunderbird Lightweight Rowing Alumni Award Endowment Fund” (the “Rowing Alumni Fund”). The Rowing Alumni Fund will support awards for members of the UBC Thunderbirds Rowing Team, in any year of study, who demonstrate leadership and dedication to their team. Preference will be given to lightweight rowers. These lightweight rowing alumni appreciate the lessons learned and personal growth they experienced during their time rowing at UBC and take great pride in being able to support current and

future lightweight rowers who are carrying on the tradition of UBC rowing excellence. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

19. **Song Family Award in Law:** A gift of \$50,000 from Song Capital Holdings Ltd., along with matching funds from the University, has established an endowment fund known as the “Song Family Award in Law Endowment Fund” (the “Song Fund”). The Song Fund will support awards for domestic second- or third-year J.D. students of East and/or South-East Asian heritage who have demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to advocacy and social justice. Preference will be given to students who are of Korean heritage and/or have demonstrated barriers to accessing a legal education. Ordinarily, one student will receive the award each year. Daniel, a graduate of Peter A. Allard School of Law, has practiced exclusively as a criminal defence lawyer and was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2022. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year) (UBC match: \$50,000 Peter A. Allard School of Law)

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20. **Doan Family Forestry Student Enrichment Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$101,812 from Carolynn Doan has established an endowment fund known as the “Doan Family Forestry Student Enrichment Endowment Fund (the “Doan Fund”). The Doan Fund will support graduate students and post-doctoral fellows studying forestry, with a focus on creating healthy and resilient forests to reduce the impacts of climate change.
21. **David Brand Professorship in Sustainable Forestry and Conservation Finance at UBC Endowment Fund:** An initial gift of \$1,250,000, from a total pledged gift of \$2,500,000, from Dr. David Brand has established an endowment fund known as the “David Brand Professorship in Sustainable Forestry and Conservation Finance at UBC Endowment Fund” (the “Brand Fund”). The Brand Fund will support research and education in sustainable forestry and conservation finance, ordinarily through a professorship.

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22. **Arthritis Research Canada John Esdaile Professorship in Rheumatology Research at UBC Endowment Fund:** An initial gift of \$500,000, from a total pledged gift of \$2,500,000, from Arthritis Research Centre Society of Canada / Arthrite-Recherche Canada has established an endowment fund known as the “Arthritis Research Canada John Esdaile Professorship in Rheumatology Research at UBC Endowment Fund” (the “Esdaile Fund”). The Esdaile Fund will support clinical research and education in arthritis or auto-immune rheumatic diseases, ordinarily through supporting the Arthritis Research Canada John Esdaile Professorship in Rheumatology Research at UBC.

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23. **Maureen Douglas First Nations House of Learning Endowment Fund:** With a gift of \$701,000 from the Estate of Maureen Anne Douglas, the University has established an endowment fund known as the “Maureen Douglas First Nations House of Learning Endowment Fund” (the “Douglas Fund”). The Douglas Fund will support UBC’s First Nations House of Learning.