



SUBJECT	Establishment of New Endowments
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REQUEST	For information only - No action requested
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Endowment Policy (FM5), the Board of Governors (the “**Board**”) 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 as a customary practice, as this report is not required under the Endowment Policy.

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 fund (where the University is providing additional funding to donor endowments, the amount and source is indicated in brackets following the description):

UBC Students Awards General

1. **UBC Blue & Gold Reserved Endowment Fund** (the “**B&G Fund**”): With \$500,000 in University funds, the University has established the B&G Fund. The B&G Fund will support existing awards for students. Please note that these monies are ear-marked as matching funds for a gift from Dr. Chit Chat Gunn to satisfy a commitment that UBC would match up to \$500,000 of an estate gift from him. His estate gift will not be received by UBC until after both he and his wife have passed. To preserve UBC's matching funds, they are being endowed in the B&G Fund for the time being to support student awards generally. When Dr. Gunn's gift is received by UBC, the type of student support provided by the B&G Fund will be amended to match the support provided by Dr. Gunn's gift.

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Science

2. **Geological Field School Student Opportunities Endowment Fund** (the “**Field School Fund**”): Gifts totaling \$55,042 from alumni and donors has established the Field School Fund. The Field School Fund will support students participating in geological field courses at the University.

UBC Vancouver Allard School of Law

3. **Linda Joan Hargrave Memorial Award in Law Endowment Fund** (the “**Hargrave Fund**”): A bequest of \$53,791 from the Estate of Linda Joan Hargrave has established the Hargrave Fund. The Hargrave Fund will support the students and programs of the Allard School of Law, including award(s) for students.

UBC Vancouver Department of Athletics and Recreation

4. **Ken Woods Athletic Excellence Endowment Fund** (the “**Woods Fund**”): A gift of \$50,000 from Kenneth Woods has established the Woods Fund. The Woods Fund will support varsity athletic teams at the University. The University will contribute one-to-one matching of \$50,000 to the Woods Fund through the Department of Athletics and Recreation.

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Medicine

5. **Steven Diamond Professorship in Addiction Care Innovation at UBC Endowment Fund** (the “**Diamond Fund**”): A gift of \$2,600,000 from the St. Paul's Foundation of Vancouver has established the Diamond Fund. The Diamond Fund will support addiction research, education and training ordinarily through supporting a professorship in addiction care innovation at UBC.
6. **McArthur Family Alzheimer's Disease Research Endowment Fund** (the “**McArthur Fund**”): A gift of \$50,000 from Kenneth W. McArthur has established the McArthur Fund. The McArthur fund will support research in neurodegenerative diseases with a preference for Alzheimer's disease research.
7. **Precision Oncology Academic Research Position Endowment Fund** (the “**Precision Fund**”): A contribution of \$4,000,000 from the BC Cancer Foundation has established the Precision Fund. The Precision Fund will support research and education at the University in the area of precision oncology, ordinarily through an academic position.
8. **UBC Professorship in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics Endowment Fund** (the “**Professorship Fund**”): A contribution of \$2,400,000 from the Ministry of Health has established the Professorship Fund. The Professorship Fund will support an integrated research and education program in clinical pharmacology as well as academic leadership, initially for the new Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) at Providence Health Care.

9. **Dr George and Eva Prokopetz Memorial Medical Research Endowment Fund** (the “**Prokopetz Fund**”): A bequest of \$390,000 from the Estate of Helena Eva Prokopetz has established the Prokopetz Fund. The Prokopetz Fund will support medical research at the University.

UBC Vancouver Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

10. **A. Keith Mitchell Award in Public Law Endowment Fund** (the “**Mitchell Fund**”): Gifts totaling \$112,238 from Farris LLP, family and friends, in memory of A. Keith Mitchell (1945–2021), has established the Mitchell Fund. The Mitchell Fund will support awards for outstanding second- or third-year J.D. students who demonstrate an interest in public law. Preference will be given to students involved in student government, lobbying, moot participation, and/or clerkship. Financial need may be considered. Keith cherished his family and was enthusiastic about politics, books and travel, and was a devoted UBC alumnus, where he served as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council at the Peter A. Allard School of Law. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)
11. **George McWhirter Award for Poetry Translation into English** (the “**English Poetry Translation Fund**”) A gift of \$50,000 from George and Angela McWhirter has established the English Poetry Translation Fund for undergraduate students majoring in Creative Writing or Master of Fine Arts students specializing in Creative Writing who have completed an outstanding translation of a published work of poetry into English. The translated work must be from poetry in languages other than English. Preference will be given to students in literary translation courses or workshops offered by the School of Creative Writing. This award celebrates George McWhirter winning the Griffin Poetry Prize in 2024 for his translation into English of *Self-Portrait in the Zone of Silence* by the Mexican poet, Homero Aridjis. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Creative Writing, and in the case of graduate students, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2025/2026 winter session).

Entrance Awards

12. **George Ernest Murray Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** (the **Murray Fund**): A bequest of \$641,925 from the estate of John Mallory Murray (B.A.Sc. 1944) has established the Murray Fund, in honour of his father George Ernest Murray. The Murray Fund will support awards for outstanding domestic undergraduate students entering university 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). The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)
13. **Sandra Sengara Memorial Award for Women Endowment Fund** (the “**Sengara Fund**”): A gift of \$448,000 from Gifts Fund Canada, funded through a charitable gift fund in memory of Sandra Sengara (1953–2023), has established the Sengara Fund. The Sengara Fund will support awards for outstanding domestic undergraduate women entering university 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). The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)

Fellowships

14. **Phil Lind Fellowship in Journalism for IBPOC Students (the “Lind Fund”)**: A contribution of \$1,100,000 from Rogers Communications Inc. has established the Lind Fund, in memory of Philip B. Lind, CM (1943-2023). The Lind Fund will support fellowships for First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada and/or domestic students who identify as Black and/or as a Person of Colour entering the Master of Journalism program. The fellowships are made on the recommendation of the School of Journalism, Writing and Media, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

Prizes

15. **Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Prize (the “Pharmaceutical Sciences Prize Fund”)**: A gift of \$25,000 from an anonymous donor together with \$25,000 of funds from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences has established the Pharmaceutical Sciences Prize Fund. The Pharmaceutical Sciences Prize Fund will support prizes for outstanding students studying pharmaceutical sciences. It will be awarded to the top student in each of the graduating classes of the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program and the Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences program. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

16. **Gayle J. E. Harris Memorial Award in Library and Information Studies Endowment Fund (the “Harris Fund”)**: A gift of \$50,000 from Barb Hart Harris (B.A. 1957, M.Ed.), in memory of her daughter Gayle J. E. Harris (B.A., M.L.I.S. 1999), has established the Harris Fund. The Harris Fund will support awards for domestic M.L.I.S. students who have encountered social and/or economic barriers to accessing a graduate-level education. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a commitment to public and/or community service. After graduating from UBC, Gayle worked as the Children’s Librarian at the Whalley Branch and its replacement, the Surrey City Centre Library, for 20 years. During her time at UBC, Gayle received a number of bursaries and awards that supported her education and rewarded her for academic achievement. The bursary that Gayle received as she transitioned into the second-year of the M.L.I.S. program is the specific motivation for Barb to establish this award in Gayle’s memory, in order to support students who have experienced their own barriers to accessing education. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Information, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year).
17. **N.C. Cheung Family Memorial Bursary in Engineering Endowment Fund (the “Cheung Fund”)**: A gift of \$117,000 from the Estate of Lucia Yuen-Ling Cheung has established the Cheung Fund. The Cheung Fund will support bursaries for women enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate engineering program in the Faculty of Applied Science. Preference will be given to women in Chemical Engineering programs. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
18. **Ken Sim and Teena Gupta Family Bursary in Commerce Endowment Fund (the “Sim and Gupta Fund”)**: A gift of \$50,000 from Ken Sim and Teena Gupta has established the Sim and Gupta Fund. The Sim and Gupta Fund will support bursaries for students in the Bachelor of Commerce program. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)

19. **Elaine Williamson and David Sprague Award in Commerce Endowment Fund** (the “**Williamson and Sprague Fund**”): A gift of \$50,000 from Elaine Williamson (B.A. 1987, M.B.A. 2000) and David Sprague (B.Com. 1983) has established the Williamson and Sprague Fund. The Williamson and Sprague Fund will support awards for domestic students in the Bachelor of Commerce program who are from a single parent household. Financial need may be considered. Elaine, an Adjunct Professor at the UBC Sauder School of Business, has over 30 years of industry experience in marketing, sales and management. In 2010 she was awarded the UBC Killam Teaching Prize for excellence in teaching. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

20. **Elsie E. (Perry) Paterson Award in Nursing for Indigenous Students Endowment Fund** (the “**Paterson Fund**”): A gift of \$100,000 from Douglas D. Paterson, in memory of his mother Elsie E. (Perry) Paterson (1905–1995), has established the Paterson Fund. The Paterson Fund will support awards for First Nations, Inuit or Métis students of Canada in a graduate program in the School of Nursing who demonstrate a commitment to culturally safe care. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)
21. **Marilyn Pomfret Memorial Women’s Athletics Endowment Fund** (the “**Pomfret Fund**”): An initial gift of \$50,000, from a total pledged gift of \$1,000,000, from Lynda Hamilton, in memory of Marilyn Pomfret (1932–2019), has established the Pomfret Fund. The Pomfret Fund will support awards for outstanding women varsity athletes in any year of study who demonstrate leadership and it may also support the recruitment and development of coaching staff who are women. After a nine-year tenure as a high school educator, Marilyn (B.P.E. 1954) returned to UBC to teach, coach and serve as the Women’s Athletic Director from 1963 to 1969 and again from 1972 to 1986. During her eleven years as the Head Coach of UBC’s women’s volleyball team, she guided her team to three Western Canadian championships and two CIS titles, including UBC’s first in women’s volleyball. Marilyn’s many accolades include being inducted into the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame and the UBC Sports Hall of Fame, receiving a UBC Alumni Association Achievement Award and being named a YWCA Woman of Distinction. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)
22. **Blenheim Foundation Thunderbird Award in Rugby Endowment Fund** (the “**Thunderbird Fund**”): A gift of \$100,000 from Peter Bull (B.Com. 1977) and the Blenheim Foundation has established the Thunderbird Fund. The Thunderbird Fund will support awards for members of the UBC Men’s or Women’s Rugby team who demonstrate leadership and dedication to their sport. Peter, a former UBC Rugby player and a director of the Blenheim Foundation, has paired a successful real estate career with a deep commitment to advancing UBC’s rugby programs. He played an integral role in transformative campaigns to expand opportunities for men’s and women’s rugby through endowments and coaching support. He also contributed to the development of key athletic facilities, including the Gerald McGavin UBC Rugby Centre—part of the Return to Excellence Campaign—and the strength and conditioning centre in the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre. Peter’s support has elevated UBC’s rugby programs to rank among the top programs in North America, fostering student engagement and strengthening campus pride. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletic Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)

23. **Dr. Glenn Bowsby Memorial Award in Indigenous Family Practice Endowment Fund** (the “**Bowsby Fund**”): Gifts totaling \$79,275 from family, friends and the wider community, in memory of Dr. Glenn Bowsby (1958–2020), has established the Bowsby Fund. The Bowsby Fund will support awards for fourth-year M.D. students who are in good academic standing and have been matched to a residency in family practice at the Indigenous training site. Glenn served as an associate clinical professor in the UBC Faculty of Medicine and practiced in Surrey and Vancouver. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)
24. **Florence Clayden Award in Social Work for Indigenous Students Endowment Fund** (the “**Clayden Fund**”): A gift of \$100,000 from Aqueduct Foundation’s donor-advised fund program, on the recommendation of the donor-advisor, Stephen Clayden, in memory of Florence Clayden (1922–2006), has established the Clayden Fund. The Clayden Fund will support awards for First Nations, Inuit or Métis students of Canada in the School of Social Work who demonstrate a commitment to culturally appropriate social work practice. Florence (B.S.W., M.S.W. 1950) grew up in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, leaving to study and train in social work at McGill University and then at UBC. At UBC, she wrote her master’s thesis on the origin and functioning of the Social Service Division of the federal Department of Veterans’ Affairs. 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 2025/2026 academic year)
25. **Dale Flexman Award for Women in Athletics Endowment Fund** (the “**Flexman Fund**”): A gift of \$ 50,000 from the Flexman family, in honour of Dale Flexman (B.Ed.(Sec). 1972), has established the Flexman Fund. The Flexman Fund will support awards for outstanding women varsity athletes in any year of study who demonstrate leadership. Bruce Flexman, along with daughters Tyla (B.H.K. 2009), Alana, Jennifer and Molly are proud Thunderbird supporters who are establishing this award to celebrate Dale, a former UBC Cheerleader, Figure Skater and recipient of the Big Block Sweater. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)
26. **Daniel C. Lee and Family Award in Law** (the “**Lee Fund**”): A gift of \$17,000 with a pledge of \$34,000 for a total gift of \$51,000 from Daniel C. Lee (Lǐ Chāng Hóng) (B.B.A., J.D.) and Tianyi Song (B.Com.), CPHR, in honour of Daniel’s parents Peter Lee and Bi Juan Li, has established the Lee Fund. The Lee Fund will support awards for J.D. students entering their second year, who are the first in their family to attend law school. Preference will be given to students with an interest in immigration law. This award recognizes the silent support his parents and family provided throughout his educational journey, enabling Daniel to become the first in his family to earn a Juris Doctor degree. He hopes to inspire students to strive for excellence and pursue their dreams. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2025/2026 winter session)

UBC Okanagan Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

27. **Dr. Maurice and Linda Williams Award in History** (the “**Williams Fund**”): A gift of 50,000 from Dr. Maury Williams and Linda Williams, along with matching funds from the University has established the Williams Fund. The Williams Fund will support awards for undergraduate students entering their third year in the Bachelor of Arts at the University’s Okanagan campus. These awards are offered to students majoring in History with preference given to students with demonstrated academic excellence and financial need.

Subject to continued academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a second year of study. The awards are made possible by Dr. Maurice (Maury) Williams, Professor Emeritus of History in the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and his wife Linda Williams, in recognition of their deep commitment to the humanities. Dr. Williams focused his teaching and scholarship on early and modern Europe and the Kettle Valley Railway. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of History and Sociology. (First award available for the 2026/2027 academic year). The University will contribute one-to-one matching of \$50,000 to the Williams Fund through the Aspire campaign.

Scholarships

28. **Dr. Joan L. Bottorff Graduate Scholarship in Nursing Endowment Fund (the “Bottorff Fund”)**: A gift of \$100,000 from Dr. Joan Bottorff has established the Bottorff Fund. The Bottorff Fund will support scholarships for students entering first year of the Ph.D. in Nursing program in the School of Nursing at the University’s Okanagan campus. Recipients will have Registered Nurse designation. Ordinarily, one student will receive the award each year. Dr. Joan Bottorff, a Professor of Nursing at UBC for over 30 years, has significantly contributed to nursing research and training, mentoring numerous graduate students. Her legacy is further highlighted by her tenure as the Director of the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention. The scholarship is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2025/2026 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

29. **J. Seabrook Impact Award in Engineering Endowment Fund (the “Seabrook Fund”)**: An initial gift of \$50,000, from a total pledged gift of \$125,000, from James Seabrook, P.Eng (B.A.Sc. 2011), along with matching funds from the University, has established the Seabrook Fund. The Seabrook Fund will support awards for students graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science in the School of Engineering at the University’s, Okanagan campus. The award is given to students who have demonstrated service to their school and/or community throughout their degree and who plan to advance a project upon graduation that leads to social or environmental betterment. Ordinarily, one student will receive the award each year. James graduated from UBC’s Okanagan campus in 2011 with a B.A.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Engineering. (First award available for the 2026/2027 academic year). The University will contribute one-to-one matching of \$125,000 to the Seabrook Fund through the Aspire campaign.

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

30. **Bonnie Langland Memorial Award in Nursing Endowment Fund (the “Langland Fund”)**: A gift of \$70,000 from Sonrise Foundation, in memory of Bonnie Langland (M.S.N. 1997, along with matching funds from the University, has established the Langland Fund. The Langland Fund will support awards for undergraduate students entering second year in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University’s Okanagan campus. Preference is given to students with financial need and a demonstrated interest in brain injury or developmental disability. A dedicated nurse and educator, Bonnie earned her Master's in Nursing from UBC and taught at UBC’s Okanagan campus. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2026/2027 academic year). The University will contribute one-to-one matching of \$70,000 through the Aspire campaign.