

INVITATION
to
GRADUATE STUDIES IN ANTHROPOLOGY

at the



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A Guide for Applicants
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This Invitation is updated yearly in order to provide a comprehensive description of our graduate programs, facilities and application procedure. It is mailed out to students around the world who have difficulty accessing our website on the Internet. We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions regarding the content of this document. Please address comments to the Anth Grad Secretary at the Departmental address or via email (anthgrad@interchange.ubc.ca).

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Thank you for your interest in our anthropology programs.

Detailed information on most aspects of our programs is covered in this handbook.

We would be delighted to answer any further questions you might have about graduate studies in Anthropology at UBC. Please feel free to contact the Anthropology Graduate Secretary by email at anthgrad@interchange.ubc.ca or by phone at 604-822-2546.

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ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAMS AT UBC

Anthropology at UBC formally dates back to 1947. The main fields of anthropological archaeology, linguistic anthropology, medical anthropology, museum studies, physical anthropology, and socio-cultural anthropology are all represented. Current area interests include North America, the Pacific Rim, East Asia, Latin America, Africa, the Circumpolar region, and Oceania. The Department provides training in qualitative, quantitative, archaeological, and museum methods. For more information on the different fields, please see page 2.

As of September 2008, the Department has 19 anthropologists, 3 of whom share appointments with the Museum of Anthropology (MOA). In addition, MOA staff provide instruction in museum anthropology. With 59 Anthropology graduate students, UBC supports one of the largest graduate anthropology programs in Canada. Students are also encouraged to utilize the range of courses and expertise available within (as well as beyond) the department.

Anthropology MA Program

Our MA program aims to round out the student's training in anthropology through stimulating seminar sessions and through the preparation of a significant piece of scholarly writing. The MA in Anthropology at UBC is based upon a combination of coursework, research and a thesis. Many students attain their degree within two years of starting the program; it is possible for a well-organized person to complete degree requirements during the first eighteen months of study.

The MA at UBC consists of the following course of study. Candidates must successfully complete (1) Anthropology 500 (History of Anthropology), (2) Anthropology 506 (Graduate Proseminar), (3) an advanced methods course in ethnographic, archaeological or museum studies, (4) two courses, at least one of which must be in Anthropology, outside the student's subdisciplinary specialty, (5) at least six credits of other elective courses, and (6) and after submitting an approved thesis proposal, a six credit thesis. The Anthropology MA thesis at UBC is modeled upon an article in a scholarly journal. It may be based upon original field research. In all cases, MA theses are limited to no more than 50 pages. The thesis proposal must be approved by the end of the second year.

The Department accepts part-time MA candidates. The admission and residency requirements are the same as for the regular MA program, and the degree must also be completed within a five-year period. Anthropology 500 must be completed in the first year of study, the thesis proposal by the end of the second year.

Anthropology PhD Program

The PhD program presents students with the opportunity to structure a course of study towards specific intellectual interests. The PhD degree proceeds in two stages. A student first gains full standing as a doctoral candidate within the Department by completing the following requirements: (a) 24 months residency, (b) 18 credits of coursework, (c) an acceptable research proposal, and (d) satisfactory performance in a comprehensive examination (which must be completed in the first three years of the program). The comprehensive examination takes place in two parts: 1) a one-day written exam, and 2) a two hour oral exam that takes place within two weeks of the written exam.

Once they have attained candidacy, students then proceed with research (often based in part upon fieldwork) and preparation of a PhD dissertation under the direction of a Supervisory Committee. The candidate completes the degree upon successfully defending their dissertation in Departmental and University examinations. Students are expected to attain their degrees within six years.

A listing of UBC anthropology graduate courses can be view on page 98 of the Graduate Calendar 2004/2005 enclosed.

ANTHROPOLOGY STREAMS

- ❖ Anthropological Archaeology
- ❖ Linguistic Anthropology
- ❖ Medical Anthropology
- ❖ Museum Studies
- ❖ Physical Anthropology
- ❖ Socio-Cultural Anthropology

Anthropological Archaeology

Archaeology is the study of material remains of past cultures. UBC archaeologists conduct research in British Columbia, subarctic Canada, Mesoamerica, eastern Asia and, east Africa. Our courses explore the fascinating archaeological past of these areas as well as the methods and theories of archaeological research. The program stresses hands-on experience, through the direct study of artifacts in classes and labs. Students also have an opportunity to participate in archaeological surveys and excavations in the summer field school.

Laboratory of Archaeology (LOA) – call 604-822-2567

Linguistic Anthropology

(Information forthcoming)

Medical Anthropology

Medical anthropology is a sub-discipline of anthropology that is considered one of the most fascinating and rapidly expanding fields of anthropology. It employs anthropological theory and methods in the study of health, illness and healing in a cross-cultural perspective, with practical applications to health care in Canada and abroad. Sub-specialties in medical anthropology include ethnomedicine, international health, comparative health systems, and clinical medical anthropology. Medical anthropology courses taught by the department faculty encompass topics such as cultural interpretations of illness, healing and disability, comparative medical systems, ethnomedical systems, globalization and the pharmaceuticalization of health, explanatory models, narrative representation of illness, the political economy of HIV/AIDS in Africa, the body and debate surrounding female genital mutilation/cutting, reproductive, structural violence and social suffering, maternal and child health, and the cultural and social impact the New Genetics, and other medical rechnologies on patients, their families and society. Our ethnographic focuses are Canada and the US, sub-Sahara Africa, South Asia, and Melanesia.

Museum Studies

Museum Studies, based in the anthropology program, explores the ever-evolving techniques of artifact documentation, conservation and display (including new multi-media applications). Students learn about the history of museum collecting, debate the public role of museums, address questions of ownership and repatriation of collections, and explore the complex relationship between museums and the individuals and communities that originally created the objects. Most courses are held in the Museum, allowing students direct experience of the issues and techniques they discuss in class.

The Museum of Anthropology forms a unique part of the anthropological experience at UBC. The collections, exhibitions and collaborative programs sponsored by the Museum provide archaeology and socio-cultural anthropology students with opportunities to participate in ongoing research and educational projects.

The Museum of Anthropology (MOA) – www.moa.ubc.ca or call 604-822-5087

Physical Anthropology

(Information forthcoming)

Socio-Cultural Anthropology

Socio-Cultural Anthropology is the study of contemporary human cultures. UBC anthropologists conduct a wide variety of research projects among urban populations in the Vancouver area, First Nations of North America and indigenous peoples in South America, Siberia, Japan, and the South Pacific Islands. We offer courses on the cultures of these regions, and we explore general themes of culture and economy, politics, ethnohistory, religion, oral traditions, expressive culture (art), and linguistics. Students also receive training in anthropological research techniques in our ethnographic methods courses.

ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH FACILITIES

The Department and the University provide a wide variety of research facilities to graduate students. These include:

Study Space:

The Graduate Student Association has a large meeting room which can be used for study or projects.

Graduate Computer Laboratory:

The work stations in the lab are loaded with word processing, database, statistical, and qualitative management software.

Archaeological Laboratory:

Rooms and equipment for the analysis, classification and storage of archaeological remains are located both in the Department and the Museum of Anthropology.

Museum of Anthropology:

The Museum of Anthropology is one of the foremost anthropology museums in the world and houses a large collection of artifacts from around the world, including an extensive collection from Northwest Coast cultures. Research facilities include a variety of laboratories for the preservation, analysis and storage of archaeological and museum artifacts; the visible storage area on the main floor of the building; and library.

University Library:

With more than eight million items, the UBC Library holds the second largest academic collection in Canada. The Main Library and Walter Koerner Library house most of the University's social science collection, along with the Human Relations Area Files (microfiche and CD ROM), fine arts, government publications and microforms, periodicals, maps and special collections. The Library supports CD ROM and extensive on-line search facilities and electronic journals and has an excellent inter-library loan service.

University Computing Services:

The University provides a wide variety of computing services to graduate students including electronic mail and access to the databases, news groups, and other services available on the Internet and World Wide Web.

ANTHROPOLOGY SCHOLARLY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We encourage graduate students to become involved in the many scholarly and social activities that make up the life of the Department.

Research Collaboration:

Graduate students often collaborate with faculty on research projects, working as research assistants and associates, and developing thesis topics from joint projects. In the recent past, faculty and students have collaborated on projects studying BC fisheries, archaeological sites on the Northwest Coast, Mexico and the Arctic, oral history of the Yukon, indigenous justice, the colonial history of Papua New Guinea, women's history in South America, Alzheimer's disease, among many other topics. Students are strongly encouraged to publish the results of their research in scholarly journals.

Department Seminars:

Both the Department Special Events Committee and the Graduate Student Association schedule regular seminars on topics of interests. Speakers include graduate students and faculty reporting on their own research, visitors passing through Vancouver to and from field research, spokespeople from First Nations communities, and invited scholars. Past speakers include Claude Levi-Strauss, Anthony Giddens, Edmund Leach, Elliott Leyton, Roger Keesing, Joan Ryan and Alison Wylie, Richard Lees, Anna Stoller, Charles Briggs and Lama Nady.

Archaeological and Ethnographic Field Schools:

Held most summers, these courses provide intense practical training in fieldwork methods to entering and advanced graduate students who live and work in collaboration with Canadian First Nations.

The Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium:

This annual event is organized entirely by graduate students in the Department. Lasting two days, both graduate and undergraduate students deliver papers and multi-media presentations of their

research. UBC students also regularly present papers at meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society and the Northwest Anthropology Society, among others. Several UBC students have won prizes from these organizations for outstanding papers in recent years.

Pizza Lunches and Other Social Events:

Both the Department and the Museum host events at which graduate students may meet and mingle with each other and faculty. The most popular has been the (free!) pizza lunches held in the Department.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA):

The GSA represents the interests of Anthropology students in Department affairs by providing representatives to key committees, encouraging academic activities, and sponsoring social events. The Association possesses a commodious graduate lounge, which it uses for meetings, presentations, retreats and parties.

Anthropology graduate students are also members of the University's Graduate Student Association and the Graduate Student Society. The latter society operates the Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre, an attractive former residence which houses meeting and dining facilities, a bar, a recreation room, and a small library.

In Addition...

The University operates an aquatic centre, gyms, tennis courts and a wide variety of food and retail services. Many of these are located in or around the Student Union Building near the centre of the campus.

ANTHROPOLOGY FACULTY

BARKER, John (Ph.D. UBC, 1985) Religion, missionaries and conversion, colonial systems, ethno-history, history of anthropology, symbolic anthropology, material culture, Melanesia, North America (Pacific Northwest Coast). (Professor, Anthropology)

BLACKBURN, Carole (Ph.D. Stanford University, 2003) Legal anthropology, anthropology of colonialism, cultural citizenship, race, nature and environmentalism, First Nations and the Canadian state, aboriginal rights, memory, reconciliation and state apologies. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology/Sociology)

BLAKE, Michael (Ph.D. Michigan, 1985) Anthropological archaeology, evolution of complex society, Mesoamerica, Pacific Northwest, household archaeology. (Associate Professor, Anthropology, and Curator of Archaeology, Museum of Anthropology)

BLOCH, Alexia (Ph.D. Pittsburgh, 1996) Ethnography, transnationalism, identity, dynamics of power, life history, feminist anthropology(ies), visual anthropology, post-socialist societies, Russia, Siberia. (Associate Professor, Anthropology)

CHISHOLM, Brian S. (Ph.D. SFU, 1987) Archaeology and physical anthropology, prehistoric subsistence, archaeological science, bio-archaeology, paleo-anthropology, Pacific Northwest, Japan, S.E. and E. Asia. (Senior Instructor, Anthropology/Archaeology)

CREIGHTON, Millie (Ph.D. Washington, 1988) Japanese society and culture, popular culture, ethnography of Korea, consumerism, anthropology of art, concepts of identity and the self, psychological anthropology, qualitative methods, work, gender. (Associate Professor, Anthropology)

GORDILLO, Gaston (Ph.D. Toronto, 1999) Anthropology and history, place and space, practice theory, political economy and cultural production, fetishism, social memory, state violence, hegemony and ethnic politics, Latin America, Argentina, indigenous groups of the Gran Chaco. (Associate Professor, Anthropology)

JING, Zhichun (Ph.D. University of Minnesota, 1994) East Asian archaeology, landscape archaeology, archaeological study of early complex societies, geoarchaeology. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology; Canada Research Chair in Asia-Pacific archaeology).

KAMAT, Vinay (Ph.D. Emory University, 2004; Ph.D. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Bombay, India), 1992) Medical Anthropology, Ethnomedicine, Anthropology and International Health, Anthropology of Infectious Diseases, Comparative Health Systems, Political Ecology of Health, Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology, Cultures of East Africa, Cultures of South Asia. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology)

KRAMER, Jennifer (Ph.D. Columbia University, 2003) First Nations, Identity, Cultural Patrimony, Northwest Coast Art, Museums, Representation, Repatriation, First Nations of Canada. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Curator of Northwest Coast Ethnology, Museum of Anthropology)

LEVELL, Nicky (PhD, University College London, 2010) Critical museology and curatorial practice; the global politics of tangible and intangible cultural heritages; the production of space; technologies of memory and place; the history of museums and museum anthropology; the poetics and politics of representation, with special reference to the material, visual and performative cultures of Asia and the Pacific Northwest.

McKELLIN, William H. (Ph.D. Toronto, 1980) Linguistic and cultural anthropology; sociolinguistics; medical anthropology; cognitive anthropology, kinship and social organization; Papua New Guinea, Canada. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology)

MENZIES, Charles (Ph.D. CUNY, 1998) First Nations issues; resource management; political economy; North-West Coast (N. America); Western Europe (Brittany and Ireland), (Associate Professor, Anthropology)

MILLER, Bruce G. (Ph.D. Arizona State, 1989) Ethnography; ethnohistory of the Northwest Coast; political and legal anthropology; indigenous peoples of North America; non-recognized indigenes. (Professor, Anthropology)

MOORE, Patrick (Ph.D. Indiana, 2003) Linguistic Anthropology, languages of North America, Subarctic ethnography, ethnohistory, and gender. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology)

POKOTYLO, David L. (Ph.D. UBC, 1978) Western North American archaeology, quantitative methods, theory, lithic technology, ethnoarchaeology, cultural resource management. (Associate Professor, Anthropology and Head of the Department)

RICHARDS, Mike (D.Phil, University of Oxford, 1998) Archaeological science, bioarchaeology, isotope geochemistry, geochronology, nutrition. European prehistory, origins of agriculture, dietary adaptations and changes.

ROWLEY, Susan (Ph.D. Cambridge, 1985) Public archaeology, Arctic archaeology, oral history, ethnohistory, material culture (Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Curator of Public Archaeology, Museum of Anthropology)

SHELTON, Anthony (D.Phil. Oxford, 2002) Development, institutionalisation and political uses of visual cultures in 19th and 20th century Yucatan; Mexican dance dramas, and the theoretical articulation of critical museology. (Professor of Anthropology and Director, Museum of Anthropology)

WYNDHAM, Felice (Ph.D. University of Georgia, 2004) Ecological and sociocultural anthropology, human ecosystems, ethnobotany, Northwest Mexico, Latin America. (Assistant Professor, Anthropology)

ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDIES REQUIREMENT

Anthropology MA Academic Requirements

Applicants must meet several criteria for admission. One must hold a Bachelor's degree with a major concentration in Anthropology. (The UBC major, for example, requires a minimum of 42 credits in Anthropology courses, at least 30 of which must be numbered 300 or higher) or the equivalent. In addition, applicants to the MA program must have completed at least 12 credits in senior Anthropology courses with minimum grades of A minus. The courses should cover a broad range of Anthropology, including at least three credits of archaeology or physical anthropology, six credits in ethnography, three credits in methods, and, if possible, at least three credits of anthropological theory, three credits in museum and visual anthropology. These categories and the types of courses that fulfill them are described in the UBC Calendar.

The Department also favours applicants who have taken introductory courses in linguistics and statistics. Highly qualified applicants lacking one or more of these requirements may have courses in contiguous fields accepted as equivalents or may be required to take such courses as part of their program of study.

Beyond these minimum requirements, we look for applicants with developed intellectual interests as well as abilities and a strong commitment to their area of study. The department invites applications from students whose interests fall within the current interests of the Department. If applicants have questions about the match between their interests and those of the Department they should contact the Anthropology and Sociology Graduate Secretary (ansograd@interchange.ubc.ca). It is in applicants' best interest to indicate in their prospectus which faculty members they hope to work with. It is helpful for applicants to discuss their program with them before making your final application. An application including a well-conceived statement of intent, a solid sample of academic writing, and detailed supportive letters of reference will receive our most favorable attention.

The Department receives far more applications than it can accommodate each year. We consider applications in terms of available faculty and resources. Inevitably, some excellent students are turned down. Applicants should bear this in mind. It is in your interest to consider applying to several graduate schools.

Anthropology PhD Academic Requirements

Admission to the PhD program is by application and requires an evaluation of the applicant's previous work and capacity to pursue and complete original research. Students completing their MA at UBC must also formally apply in order to be considered for the PhD program.

PhD applicants must possess or be close to completing a MA in Anthropology. They are also expected to have had undergraduate preparation equivalent to that of the UBC major in Anthropology (see Academic Qualifications - MA Program, above). Outstanding candidates who are missing one or more requirements may be required to take such courses as a condition of entry or as part of the program of study. Acceptance into the PhD program is conditional on completion of all outstanding MA work, including coursework and thesis.

The PhD in Anthropology requires a major research project (normally involving fieldwork) and the writing of a dissertation. We thus seek applicants with developed intellectual interests and abilities and a strong commitment to their area of study. Applicants should outline their proposed dissertation research in their statement of intent in clear non-technical language and provide a sample of written work that demonstrates preparation for PhD level research. We invite applications from students whose interests fall within the current interests of the Department. If applicants have questions about the match between their interests and the department they should contact the Anthropology and Sociology Graduate Secretary (ansograd@interchange.ubc.ca). It is helpful to us as well if you indicate that faculty you wish to work most closely with, and to contact them to discuss your program and their availability.

The Department receives far more applications than it can accommodate each year. We must consider applications in terms of available faculty and resources. Inevitably, some excellent students are turned down. Applicants should bear this in mind. It is in your interest to provide a detailed and well-conceived statement of intent. It is also in your interest to consider applying to several graduate schools.

Language and GRE Requirements

TOEFL and Other Language Proficiency Test

The language of instruction at UBC is English. Students whose first language is not English must take an examination to demonstrate their competence in the English language before their application for admission will be considered, e.g. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The Department of Anthropology requires that applicants achieve a TOEFL score of 600. Official test results must be sent directly to the Faculty of Graduate Studies (not the Department of Anthropology). The TOEFL exam must have been taken within the past two years.

For certain kinds of thesis research a student may require competence in a language other than their own. In that case a requirement for language training will be incorporated into the student's program.

Where examiners have competence, approval may be granted for the submission of the thesis in French.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

The Department of Anthropology does not require this exam.

ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDIES APPLICATIONS PROCEDURES

Application Form

Application Fee

Supporting Documentation and Materials

Deadline for Receipt of Complete Application

Checklist

The graduate admissions process at UBC is a collaboration between the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Department of Anthropology. The Faculty of Graduate Studies determines whether an applicant meets the minimum admission requirements which they set. The Department of Anthropology determines if an applicant meets the academic standards required for graduate level study which they have set for the program. Please make sure to visit the "Prospective Students" section of the Faculty of Graduate Studies web site.

Application Form

Electronic applications are available on the Faculty of Graduate Studies web site at <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/apply/online/>. Please carefully read the information contained herein regarding admission requirements, tests, awards, documentation, housing and international student information before proceeding to complete the electronic application form. Approximately one hour is required to complete the on-line form. Currently the electronic application form can accommodate credit card payment only.

Paper applications are available for students who have difficulty accessing the Internet. Please contact the Graduate Secretary for Anthropology & Sociology to request that an application be mailed out to you.

Application Fee

Domestic students must pay a non-refundable application fee of \$90.00 CAD payable to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. International students must pay a non-refundable application fee of \$150.00 CAD payable to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. You can pay by cheque, certified cheque, bank draft (drawn in Canadian funds), or Money Order. If you use the online application form, you may pay the fee by Visa or MasterCard only.

If you are an international student (planning to attend UBC on a Student Visa) and are applying from any of the following countries, you do not have to pay an application fee: Bangladesh, Bhutan,

Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Supporting Documentation and Material

Language Proficiency Tests

Anthropology requires a TOEFL score of 600 (paper) or 250 (computer).

For more information on TOEFL and other language tests, please see the enclosed "TOEFL and Other Language Test" print out from UBC's Faculty of Graduate Studies web site.

GRE

The GRE is not required.

Transcripts and Degree Certificates: Two sets of official transcripts of all previous academic work from each university or college attended. If the academic records are in a language other than English or French, you must arrange for certified translations to be attached. Official, original or certified copies of the original records must be received in envelopes sealed and endorsed by the issuing institution. Please note that official degree certificate must also be submitted if your degree is from an institution that does not indicate on the transcript that the degree has been conferred.

Reference Letters/Forms: Reference forms should be given to three referees who are prepared to provide a report on your academic ability and qualifications. Each of these must arrive in sealed envelope with the referee's signature or stamp across the seal.

Prospectus: An explicit statement outlining your interest and intent (500 words double spaced)

Writing Sample: A recent sample of your academic/scholarly writing.

Below is a checklist of documents and materials that must be submitted to the Anthropology Department for your application. Please note that all supporting documents and materials need to be sent to the Anth Grad Office at the address below before the application deadline. Please ensure that *each* of your transcripts and referee letters is in a sealed envelope with the institution's/referee's signature or stamp across the seal and, if possible, your name on the front of envelope.

If you are applying online, your application form and fee are automatically sent electronically to the Graduate Secretary as soon as you submit your application.

Mailing Address:

Anthropology Graduate Secretary - Admissions
Department of Anthropology
University of British Columbia
6303 NW Marine Drive
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
Canada

Deadline for Receipt of Complete Application

The Department of Anthropology is currently accepting applications for the 2011-12 academic year starting in September. The deadline by which complete applications must be received is Friday, January 14, 2010. All applications are assessed by the members of the Anthropology Graduate Studies Committee and by individual faculty according to their areas of expertise.

Application Checklist

Your full application should contain the following:

- 1) Application form (paper or [online](#))
- 2) Application fee
- 3) Language proficiency test (if necessary)
- 4) All undergraduate and graduate transcripts (all post-secondary transcripts)
- 5) Official degree certificate (if your degree is from a country that does not show that the degree has been conferred on the transcript)
- 6) Three (3) [reference letters/forms](#) (either submitted online or letters sent by mail)
- 7) Prospectus
- 8) Writing sample
- 9) Teaching Assistantship (TA) application form (optional)
- 10) Resume for TA application (required only if applying for a TA)
- 11) Three (3) TA recommendation forms (required only if applying for a TA)

GRADUATE STUDIES TUITION FEES

Please note that fees for the year are subject to adjustment and the University reserves the right to change fees without notice. Please see the Fees section of the UBC Academic Calendar online at <http://students.ubc.ca/calendar/> for detailed information. (In case of a discrepancy between the information listed here and that listed in the UBC Calendar, the information in the UBC Calendar takes precedent.)

Tuition Fees -

Please see the Fees section of the UBC Academic Calendar online at <http://students.ubc.ca/calendar/> for detailed information.

NOTE: Provided international students are not the recipient of external funding which pays your tuition, they are eligible for an annual International Partial Tuition Scholarship to assist with tuition fees. The Scholarship is administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students do not need to apply, as all international students who are eligible are automatically considered for this scholarship. See: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/international-students/fees-costs> for more information.

GRADUATE AWARDS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Graduate Entrance Scholarship

Graduate Entrance Scholarships (GES) are offered by graduate programs and departments to incoming full-time masters and doctoral students on a merit basis. Prospective students do not have to apply for the GES; all admission applicants will be considered. GES award winners will be notified of their award in their acceptance letters or soon after.

Internal UBC (Departmental-Recommended) Awards

The following awards are adjudicated and assigned by the Department of Anthropology and Sociology on a merit basis to students that meet the eligibility requirements for each individual award.

- Michael Ames Scholarship in Museum Studies (001296)
- Charles and Alice Borden Fellowship for Archaeology (00409)
- Wilson Duff Memorial Scholarship (01178)
- Francis Reif Scholarship (00415)
- Sentinel Prize in Anthropology (01308)

In addition, please note that although administered through another department, **Anthropology** graduate students may also be eligible for the following award:

- Magnus J.B. Peterson Memorial Bursary in Anthropology (07960)
- University Women's Club of Vancouver Mary Kelly Memorial Bursary (08228)

Teaching Assistantships

Teaching Assistantships (TA) are co-ordinated and administered at the departmental level. TAs usually work an average of twelve hours a week. Pay rates are negotiated by the TA Union (CUPE 2278).

Prospective AnSo grad students who wish to be considered for a TA position in their incoming year should submit a TA application form and three (3) TA recommendation forms (included in this package) with their admission application package.

TAs for each Winter session are awarded during the summer preceding each Winter session, and successful TA applicants are notified sometime in June or July.

Research Assistantships

Research Assistantships (RA) are co-ordinated and administered through individual AnSo faculty members. Pay rates are determined by individual faculty member and vary with student level and research grant funding. Please contact individual faculty members you are interested in working with.

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

VISA Requirements

International Students - to enter Canada a “Student Authorization” (Student Visa) is required. Apply to the nearest Canadian Consular or Immigration Office as soon as you receive an official letter of acceptance from the Faculty of Graduate Studies as it may take eight to ten weeks for processing; for students applying from the People's Republic of China it may take six months.

To apply for your Student Authorization, you will require: UBC letter of acceptance, valid passport, evidence of adequate funds for your tuition, maintenance for yourself and, if married, your spouse and your children, plus travel funds to and from Canada. Once your application for a visa is approved, your UBC letter of acceptance will be returned to you. You should retain it for presentation to the Immigration Officer at the Canadian point of entry.

International Student Employment

International students are permitted by Canada Immigration to accept part-time employment on the University Campus. If you are appointed as a Graduate Teaching Assistant, or are offered another type of employment on campus, you require an employment authorization (work permit). (Graduate Research Assistantships are considered to be the same as Fellowships and therefore do not require employment authorizations.) You must apply for your authorization at your nearest Canadian Immigration Office or to the Canada Immigration Case Processing Centre after you arrive in Canada (this may take six to eight weeks to process). Please consult your Department or UBC International House: www.students.ubc.ca/international / 1783 West Mall, Vancouver, B.C., V6T 1Z2 Canada / Tel. 604-822-5021.

You should not commence any type of employment without having a valid employment authorization. Failure to comply with this regulation could result in your student authorization being withdrawn.

You must also apply to the nearest Canada Employment Centre for a Canadian Social Insurance Number (SIN) as soon as possible upon your arrival in Canada. The paperwork appointing you to a student employee position on campus cannot be processed until you have provided your Department with a receipt for your SIN application. To find out how to apply for a SIN, please visit the AnSo Grad Office for information.

Students receiving payments from scholarships also require a SIN number. Spouses of students may apply for authorization to work in Canada, provided they can show legal proof of marriage to the holder of a valid student authorization.

HOUSING

Housing on or near the University typically becomes difficult to find towards the end of August. It is a good idea to make arrangements for housing as early as possible.

St. Johns College:

The College offers Residential Membership to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and visiting scholars. Aside from taking up residence at St. John's, residential membership entails active involvement in the social and academic aspects of College life. Involvement takes the form of participation on various social and academic committees, and attendance at functions and lectures sponsored by or otherwise linked with the College. 2111 Lower Mall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., V6T 1Z4 Canada / Tel. 604-822-8788 / <http://www.stjohns.ubc.ca/>

Green College:

Since September 1993, Green College has provided a community for graduate students members, senior scholars and distinguished visitors to campus. The residence houses 85 graduate students, 15 scholars and 5 visitors. Non-resident members will be chosen according to their academic standings, commitment to the life of the college, and representation of the general graduate student body. Residence will be limited to two years. The seminar, recreation facilities, reading room and dining hall of the College will serve as a focus for interdisciplinary activities on campus. The College is located on a stunning site, just to the north of the Anthropology and Sociology building. 6201 Cecil Green Park Road, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., V6T 1Z1 Canada / Tel. 604-822-6067 / <http://www.greencollege.ubc.ca/>

Other Housing on Campus

Students should not wait until they have been admitted to Graduate Studies before applying for on-campus housing. Information and application forms are available from The Housing Office, Brock Hall, 1874 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z1 Canada / Tel. 604-822-2811 (Call 604-822-4411 for Family Housing) / <http://www.housing.ubc.ca/index.html>

Off-Campus Accommodation:

For 24 hour listings of rental accommodation, students may call 604-714-4848, or visit: <http://www.amrentline.com>. This service is sponsored by the Alma Mater Society of UBC.

The Housing Office also maintains listings, as do local newspapers and bulletin boards in the Student Union Building, the Graduate Students Centre, and International House.

HEALTH CARE

Medical and Hospital Insurance

All registered students are required to have approved hospital and medical insurance. Canadian citizens, permanent residents and those on student visas are eligible for coverage under the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia after completion of a statutory waiting period consisting of the remainder of the month of arrival plus two months. You should apply to the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia, Room 402, 4603 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 4M4 / Tel. 604-669-4211 or 604-683-7151. Medical costs in Canada are very high; therefore insurance is essential.

For coverage during the waiting period: Canadian residents (of another Canadian Province) must make arrangements with their former medical plan to ensure that their coverage continues.

Permanent Residents (landed Immigrants) and Visa Students arriving from outside of Canada must purchase private medical insurance. For information contact the Student Health Service on campus: www.students.ubc.ca/health / M334 2211 Wesbrook Mall, University of B.C., V6T 1Z3 Canada / Tel. 604-822-7011.

UBC AMS/GSS Healthplan - Extended Health Coverage

The AMS/GSS Healthplan offers low-cost health and dental coverage. All UBC students who pay AMS fees for the Health & Dental Plan (including full- and part-time students, international students, and those auditing a course) are automatically enrolled. To find out more information regarding this plan, please visit the AMS/GSS Healthplan web site at <http://www.ams.ubc.ca/services/healthplan/index.html> or call 1 877-795-4421

BC MSP

In order to claim benefits under the AMS/GSS plan, you must be covered by the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP), or have other equivalent basic coverage such as other provincial health care or private basic health insurance. The MSP is public health insurance, but most people still have to pay premiums, unless eligible to apply for MSP Premium Assistance (see the web site below for details). Anyone residing in BC for longer than 6 months is required by law to enroll in the BC MSP and pay premiums directly to the plan. All residents of BC (including international students) are eligible to apply to the MSP, but your application will take about three months to process.

BC MSP – www.moh.hnet.bc.ca/msp/ or 604-683-7151

Mandatory Health Insurance for New International Students

Due to the three-month waiting period for MSP, UBC provides mandatory basic medical insurance for all international students as a condition of registration. This plan provides basic coverage during the waiting period, ensuring that students have adequate medical coverage from the time they leave home (up to ten days prior to arrival) until their eligibility date for BC MSP. This also allows international students to use the AMS/GSS Plan without having to wait for BC MSP coverage. The \$110 fee for the initial three-month period is assessed when students register and is included with tuition and other student fees. Fees can be viewed through the Student Service Centre (SSC). There is the option to opt out of this basic plan if a student already has BC MSP or another provincial health plan.