

# School of Social Work UBC

## PhD Information Session, Fall 2022

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# Agenda

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# Vancouver



Canada's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city, one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse

An international/multi-ethnic community amidst world renowned geography

52 percent of the population speak a first language other than English.

Population of 2.5 million

A labour hub, 2 major research universities, the largest industrial center on

Canada's west coast

# UBC & The School of Social Work



Canada's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest university, one of the top 25 public universities in the world

Internationally known for excellence in teaching and research as well as global impact

The School of Social Work – located within the Faculty of Arts

Founded in 1929, 16 FT faculty, BSW, MSW and PhD programs

**School Mission: a commitment to fundamental social work values and a focus on social justice and an ethic of care**



# PhD Program: School of Social Work



## Program Goals

- Through a rigorous academic program students are provided with opportunity for advanced scholarship and professional growth.
- Prepares graduates for academic positions in higher education, specialized research and leadership roles in government and human service organizations.



# Students in the program will be required to take at least 18 credits of course work as laid out below:



## Course Requirements

Course Number	Title	Credits	Full-time	Part-time
SOWK 601	Advanced Doctoral Seminar (runs alternate weeks across both terms)	3	Yr 1 Term 1-2	Yr 1 Term 1-2
SOWK 621	Social Theory, Ideology, & Ethics	3	Yr 1 Term 1	Yr 1 or 2 Term 1
SOWK 654	Advanced Qualitative Inquiry	3	Yr 1 Term 2	Yr 2 Term 2
XXX*	Methods course to be determined in consultation with Supervisor	3	Yr 1 Term 2	Yr 2 Term 2
SOWK 570D	Epistemology and Research Design in Social Work	3	Yr 1 Term 1	Yr 1 or 2 Term 1
XXX*	Theory course in relation to substantive area of study – sometimes a directed study	3	Yr 2 Term 2	Yr 3 Term 1
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# PhD Program Requirements

- **Courses as previously described.**
- **A comprehensive examination comprised of two papers:**
  - **Paper 1 will focus on theoretical concepts and their application relevant to the student's proposed field of research.**
  - **Paper 2 will address a substantive topic related to the student's research, for example, a critical literature review.**
- **A dissertation based on original research with a full oral defense.**



## Part Time and Full Time Options

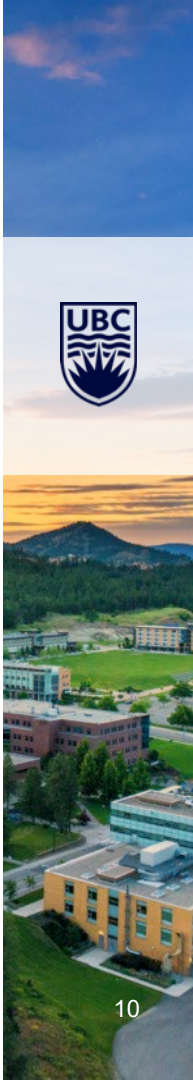
The part-time option is only available for domestic students due to visa restrictions.

PT students may take up to eight years to complete their degree.

FT students have a six year limit to degree completion.

(In both cases, extension requests are possible, but approval isn't guaranteed).

Students cannot switch between PT and FT after they begin the program.





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**School of Social Work  
Admission Process**

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# Applying for Admission

1<sup>st</sup> Principles: The program is competitive, ensure you have read the website, attended to the application instructions and presented high quality work.

Application is through the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Read: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/viewbook>

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/application-guide>



# Admission Requirements and Process

- Identify and secure a supervisor
- Complete the application including obtaining references who can speak effectively to your academic qualifications and academic promise.
- Develop a statement describing your research plan. Ensure that it encompasses a theoretical framing and appropriate methodological detail.
- Deadline for applications is January 31, 2023.
- All applicant files are pre-screened and files are read and ranked by two faculty members.
- We expect to accept 4-5 doctoral applicants for September of 2023.



# Funding

For FT students:

Minimum guaranteed funding of \$22,000/yr for each of 4 years

Funding comprised of:

Scholarship

Teaching Assistantship (TA) (1 /yr)

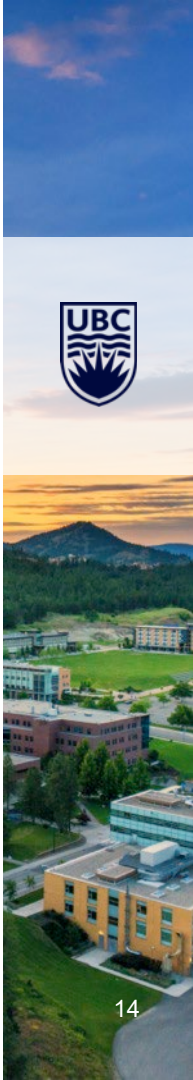
Research Assistantship (RA) (w minimum funding committed by your confirmed supervisor)

Students are encouraged/required to apply for Tri-Council and other external grants

For PT students:

No guaranteed funding is provided

Possible work as an RA *may* be available



# Tuition

Full Time:

TUITION (annual amount payable in three installments - September, January, May)

FT domestic: \$5,301. plus approximately \$1,000 in student fees

FT international: \$9,313. plus approximately \$1,000 in student fees.

Currently the university automatically grants a \$3,200 international tuition award that reduces the total payable by that amount.

Part Time:

PT domestic: ~\$3,900 plus student fees (not certain of amount)





# Thank you. Questions?

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