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| **UBC Updates**  **COVID-19 and the UBC Application process** |
| UBC is working hard to ensure applications are still evaluated fairly, despite disruptions and readjustments due to COVID-19. For regularly updated information on how our admissions process is responding to your student’s changing educational environment, [read this blog post](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1070&elqTrackId=C1923E520A3AE5DDED8DD02C2612AAF4&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) (it includes a video from our Associate Registrar). |
| **Maintaining offers of admission** |
| UBC will be as flexible as possible to ensure that your student's application is not disadvantaged by the disruptions caused by COVID-19 (coronavirus).  All our offers of admission are conditional on the completion of secondary school, including the courses required for admission. However, we know that schools and exam providers have been affected by COVID-19 and that some students may not be able to take final exams or complete courses. We understand how difficult this is, and we are here to provide support for students. We also want every student to be as academically prepared as possible for their first year at UBC.[This blog post](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=664&elqTrackId=6320C5A8EE5E2DC37C01C6F2FD868479&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) provides more details. |

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| **Deadline to apply for housing** |
| The deadline to apply for housing at UBC is **May 1**. UBC is continuing to monitor how COVID-19 is evolving in Canada. We anticipate that our residence offers will proceed as normal, and in the event that the situation changes, we’ll let you know through [this blog](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1074&elqTrackId=6E2F14F202AE29ADDE03785260823550&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1), [the UBC website](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=98&elqTrackId=7DD554B4E454757AA3D9866EA3B79658&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1), and our social media channels.  While we are unsure whether the physical distancing guidelines will be completely lifted by August/ September, the safety of students in our priority  and as such we are looking at relevant measures and alternatives. |

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| **Deadline to accept an offer of admission** | |
| For most students, the deadline to accept an offer of admission is either **May 1** or **June 1**. Students should refer to the date specified in their letter of admission. Offers can be accepted through the [Student Service Centre](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=292&elqTrackId=47EC50730A26BE3B9CFB4B78DC5BEE88&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1). | |
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| **Registration deposit deferral for Aboriginal applicants** |

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| If a student self-identifies as an Aboriginal person of Canada in their UBC application, their registration deposit will be automatically deferred. This is part of UBC’s effort to support students who are being funded by third parties, including their band or Nation. Our [What you need to know about registration deposit deferrals](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=662&elqTrackId=11F291BA8602BA73939456FA367CEB13&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) blog post covers everything you need to know about deferrals for all students. |

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| **Supporting students through their next steps** |

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| Usually we would have been meeting with students through a series of Spring events. Though we are unable to meet physically our advisors are hosting virtual sessions to connect with students and introduce them to life at UBC.   * Admitted students can speak with an advisor on Wednesdays (8 am - 7 pm PDT) and Fridays (8 am - 4 pm PDT) **until the end of May**. Students will receive an invitation to register for sessions via email * We will be hosting a series of [virtual information sessions](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1114&elqTrackId=ECFA122B4915DEB29A73FE1EF036C8B2&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) for admitted students with topics ranging from finances and awards to student life. These sessions began on **April 14, 2020**. Students will also be informed via email. * Virtual sessions for prospective students will begin in **June**. |
| **Budgeting for first year** |
| We know that this is going to be a particularly difficult year for financing a student's education, and we're encouraging students to speak with an advisor to discuss the development of an individualized financing plan.   * For the Vancouver campus: [Enrolment Services Advisors](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=241&elqTrackId=E307CA135531F08E27A740DCC0BE7512&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) * For the Okanagan campus: [Student Services](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1143&elqTrackId=1D350C1D2127EB5FBD2B74BE0594FB15&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1)   Some other resources open to students and their families are:   * [UBC](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1184&elqTrackId=FC0AA516FE51D92E4FAE1EEE14B5EEA8&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) [online cost calculator](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=24&elqTrackId=3C5A8B0F21DBB19C69733D6C912B7E78&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) * [Government Student Loans](https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/student-loans?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=299F9EA88CEA4DA0C42B00E03D0B6443&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=1669) * [UBC bursaries](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=657&elqTrackId=115E4E6B0DAFA6A1A896BAC6B6D5AE7A&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) * [Canada Emergency Response Benefit](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1117&elqTrackId=492F4D621C6DA6606DEEE0C3E51A0CD0&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) |
| **UBC, through students’ eyes** |
| Students can get a sense of UBC life and what it means to be part of our community by reading about the successes, challenges, and experiences of our current students in our [UBC Stories section](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1077&elqTrackId=4A3C86452A211BA8567A399EE4E6434F&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1). |

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| **Program spotlight: Bachelor of Management** |
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| Do you have students who are looking to use their leaderships skills to make a difference in the world? While traditional business schools might teach how to chase profits, the [Bachelor of Management at UBC Okanagan](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20April%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=821&elqTrackId=C89D43A320F26BD78317AD64AD2B9D17&elq=526379321857487aa9f91ffa18be2630&elqaid=1284&elqat=1) will help your students learn how to incorporate social, financial, and environmental sustainability into the way organizations are run. They’ll be taught a broad overview of management and business principles, and will have the option to specialize in areas like marketing, management communications, or financial accounting. They’ll graduate ready to work within their community, launch their own business, or empower organizational change. |