**UBC Updates January 2022**

**Indigenous students: self-identification**
Students who wish to discuss self-identification on their UBC application can connect with an advisor for Indigenous students at indigenous.recruitment@ubc.ca[.](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20January%202022%20-%20BC&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=918&elqTrackId=5F7C851F29E91F36A4FD6C1FE4336594&elq=a1a8c3a8cb3146f6a77ebef94cf888b7&elqaid=2116&elqat=1)
**Priority access to housing**
Students who identify as Indigenous, have a disability or ongoing medical condition, or are participating in a select list of reciprocal student exchange programs qualify for priority access to housing. A full list of eligibility criteria for the [Okanagan](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20January%202022%20-%20BC&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=42&elqTrackId=DEFBE2A60F09C6E64B494543C6807091&elq=a1a8c3a8cb3146f6a77ebef94cf888b7&elqaid=2116&elqat=1) and [Vancouver](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20January%202022%20-%20BC&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=268&elqTrackId=3285EE4E05E68223CBDEC05D3D532D51&elq=a1a8c3a8cb3146f6a77ebef94cf888b7&elqaid=2116&elqat=1) campuses is available online.

**Rural eMentoring**

Rural eMentoring BC is a FREE online mentoring program that connects rural youth to mentors who are post-secondary students. Mentors guide students through a flexible curriculum that prepares them for life after high school—all through a safe and secure online messaging platform.Visit our [website](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20January%202022%20-%20BC&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1269&elqTrackId=15F28B9A10F82F03FD66AF8E14D641F6&elq=a1a8c3a8cb3146f6a77ebef94cf888b7&elqaid=2116&elqat=1) to learn more about the program and sign up. Contact us at e.mentoring@ubc.caor (604-827-4197).

**NEW AT UBC** **: Media Studies at UBC Okanagan**

Do you have a student fascinated by how technology can be used to make art? UBC Okanagan’s [Bachelor of Media Studies](http://app.engage.ubc.ca/e/er?utm_campaign=UBC%20Updates%3A%20January%202022%20-%20BC&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&s=617374102&lid=1405&elqTrackId=BAA8B07ED987A8C2184B1BCE8B06FE94&elq=a1a8c3a8cb3146f6a77ebef94cf888b7&elqaid=2116&elqat=1) is designed for students to enter a career where they’ll work with still images, sound design, videos, or create games. This hands-on degree is a computational arts program, which means students will gain coding skills to enhance and create their art. Your students won’t need any prior experience in programming – only a creative mindset and a willingness to explore.