



AMS Priorities for the UBC Excellence Fund

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What is the Excellence Fund?

- Created in 2015 by the UBC Board of Governors
 - Created after significant international tuition increases to propel UBC into the spotlight
 - Goals of the Fund include:
 - Improved university recruitment and retention
 - Support of research development
 - Funding for one-time capital projects
 - Providing and excellent student experience
 - The fund has grown over the past 3 years to almost \$50 Million
 - Projects are typically one time but can last upwards of 7 years
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AMS Priorities for the Future

Line Item	Proposed Allocation 2019-2020	Proposed Allocation 2020-2021
OER Development Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000
Youth in Care	\$150,000	\$150,000
Career Development Opportunities	\$250,000	\$250,000
Matching of Blue & Gold Campaign	\$2,500,000	n/a
Jumpstart	\$1,100,000	n/a
Vantage and Modular Units for Health and Wellness	\$3,700,000	n/a
Work Learn Research Investment	\$1,170,000	\$1,500,000
Off-Campus Work Learn	\$200,000	\$200,000
Graduate Student Fellowships	\$1,500,000	n/a
Total Proposed Allocations:	\$11,320,000	\$2,850,000 (until next year's report)

Support of Academic Excellence

- A Fund to support the Development and adoption of Open Educational Resources on department level (\$750k, \$750k)
 - The continued expansion of jumpstart to include all first year undergraduate students including at an affordable rate (\$1.1 Million)
 - Development of modular units outside brock hall for wellness services and the creation of an integrated health centre in Vantage (\$3.7 Million)
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Career and Research Opportunities

- Partnership with LinkedIn Learning for access to career learning and data that identifies key gaps and opportunities for UBC (\$250k, \$250k)
 - Expansion of research oriented work learn positions and investment in staff and evaluation of the program (\$1.17 Million, \$1.5 Million)
 - Off-Campus Work Learn pilot program to complement Co-Op and to make opportunities more accessible (\$200k, \$200k)
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Financial Assistance for Students

- Matching donations to the UBC Blue and Gold Campaign to support students, specifically for Indigenous students and to address accessibility (\$2.5 Million)
 - Expanding the current BC Youth in Care Policy to support all Canadian Youth in Care so they can attend UBC (\$150k, \$150k)
 - Graduate student fellowships to support 4 year packages with 5th year matching from faculty to create a linkage between fellowship programs and faculty recruitment packages (\$1.5 Million)
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Next Steps

- Meet with UBC Stakeholders to support proposals and to make the final push for funding this budget cycle
 - Publicize the AMS 2018 Report on the UBC Excellence Fund to let students and the community know what we are advocating for
 - On a rolling basis create a draft of potential proposals to support for the 2019 report and include in VPAUA transition
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AMS Student Nest

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