



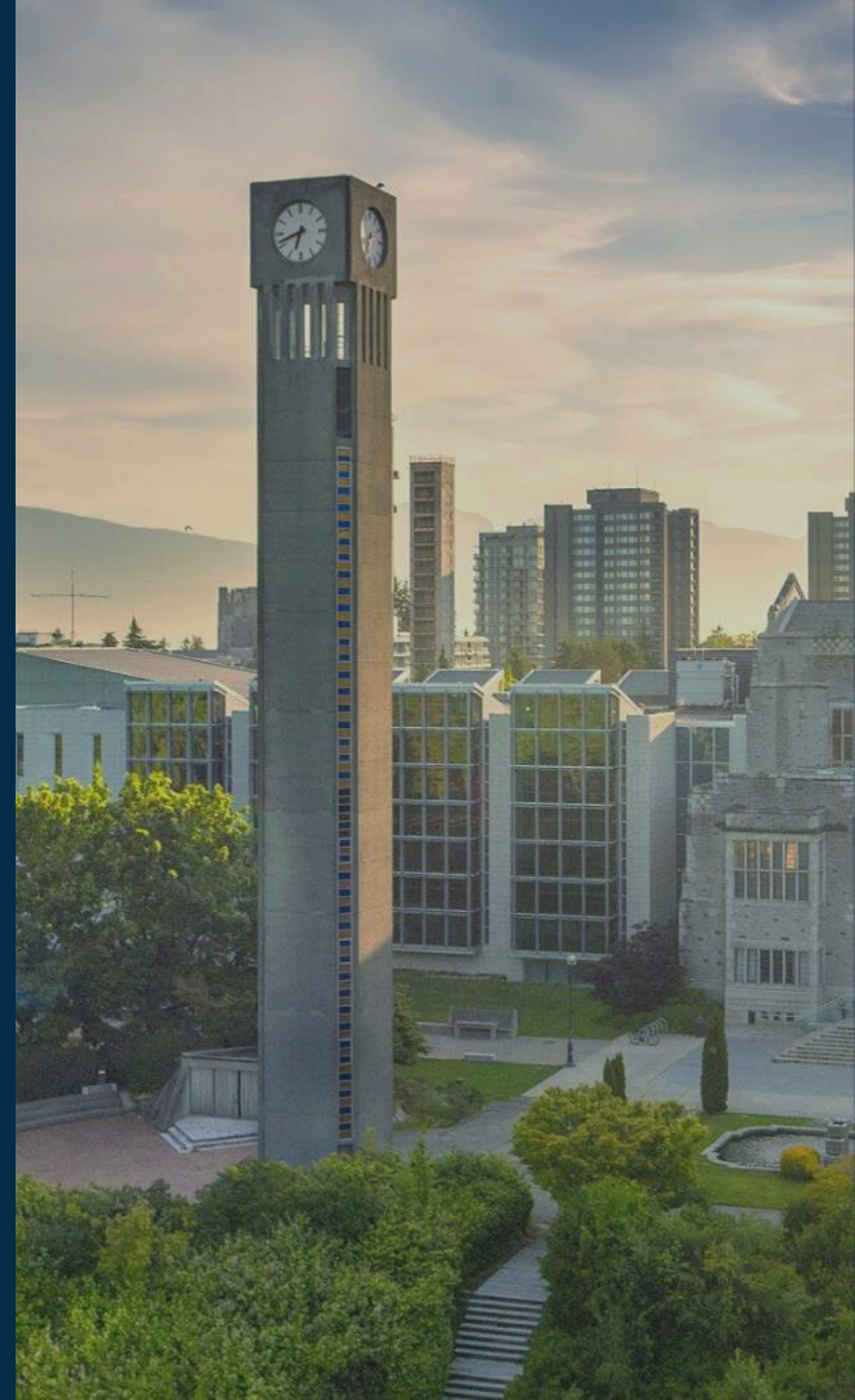
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**Student Priorities for 2022/23**  
**UBC Operating Budget**

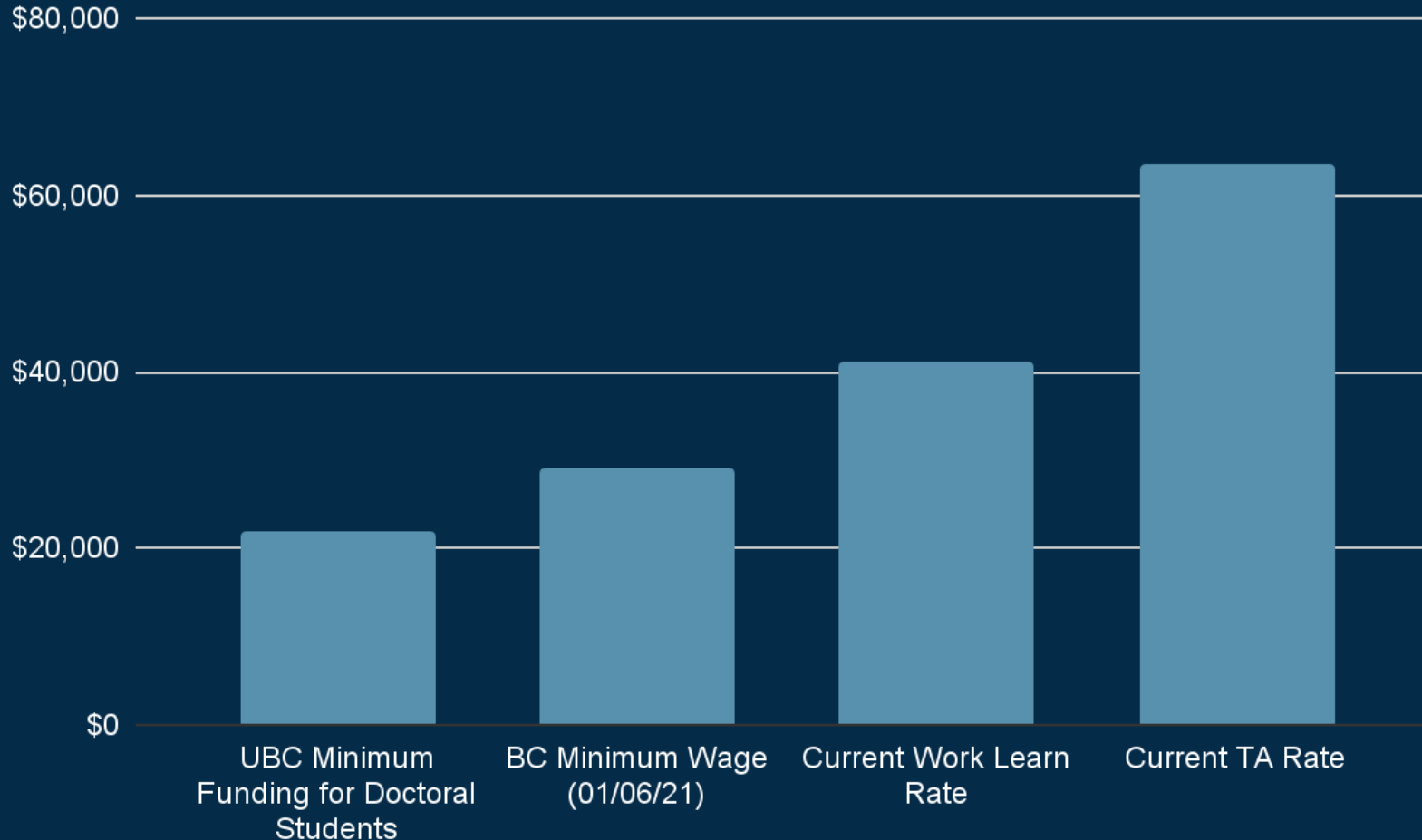
# Highlighted Areas

- Graduate Student Support
- International Student Awards
- Accessibility
- Career Support Services
- Teaching & Learning
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Food Insecurity
- Strategic Initiatives



# Graduate Student

## Support



- Graduate students pay an average of \$36,000 per year on living expenses with an additional \$41,000 on tuition
- 78% of graduate students in the research stream selected funding advocacy as a priority for the GSS

# Graduate Student

## Support

### Proposals to UBC:

1. Introduction of an incremental funding plan for the PhD Minimum Funding policy and PhD Tuition Award
1. Eliminate tuition costs for doctoral students
1. Increase guaranteed funding requirements from 4 to 5 years (and extend 4YF and 5YF)
1. Remove continuing fees for research Master's students
1. Yearly indexing of stipends and fellowships based on the cost of education increases
1. Separate TA compensation from stipends

# International Student Awards

- The average cost of tuition of a UBC international student for one year is equivalent to a domestic student's entire four-year undergraduate career

## Proposals to UBC:

1. Funding for resources to assess financial need in foreign countries and implementing need-based scholarships for international student
1. Expansion of the International Impact Award
1. Reallocate funding from automatically adjudicated awards to support more valuable experiential awards
1. Increase Tuition Allocation Model (TAM) allocation for International Students Initiatives (ISI)

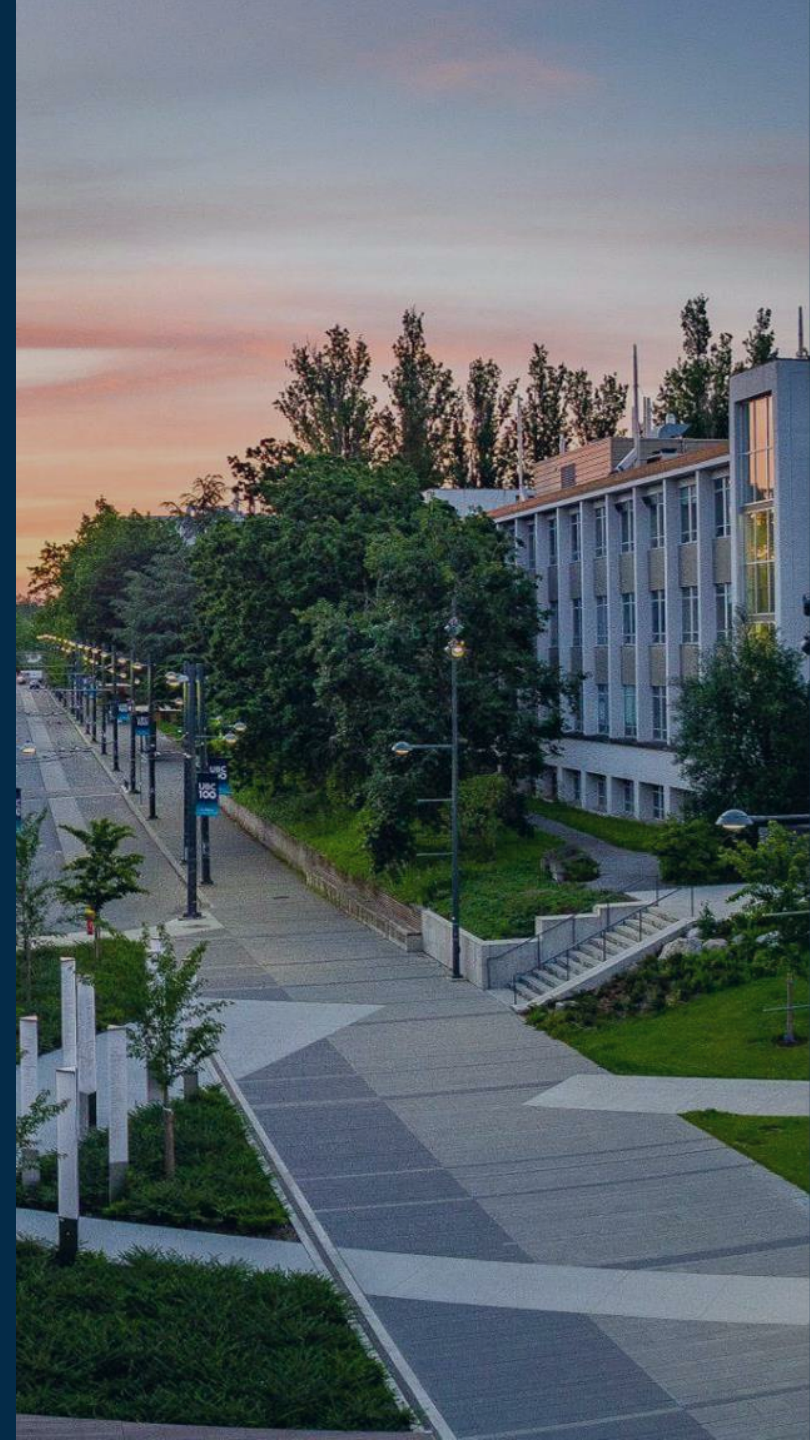


# Accessibility

- 26% of buildings on campus are inaccessible according to the UBC Wayfinding Interface
- 5% of the student population reported having a mobility disability

## Proposal to UBC:

1. An audit of all buildings on campus (e.g. academic spaces, student residences, etc) to assess modification needs and follow the audit with renewal of those spaces to incorporate accessible design



# Career Support

## Services

- While 70% of students plan to enter the workforce after graduation, merely half of these students feel prepared to do so

## Proposals to UBC:

1. Ongoing funding for term soft-funded positions
1. Increase financial investments into additional full-time employees
1. Evaluation of technological platforms to increase the reach of the current capability of career advising, exploration, and skill-building workshops

# Teaching & Learning

- Over two-thirds of students stated they would use recorded lectures in addition to attending in-person classes as learning materials
- 84% of students feel that having control over recorded lectures would increase their efficiency and enhance their learning

## Proposals to UBC:

1. Integration of an Enterprise Video Platform
1. A review of Restricted Teaching Spaces for permanent lecture capture technology installation





# Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Students' serious mental health issues including depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide attempts have all increased since the last 2016 survey of the National College Health Assessment
- A growing concern at UBC is the barriers to effective support for students of equity deserving groups

## Proposals to UBC:

1. Funding of \$240,000 over the next 2 years for the UBC Black Student Caucus Mental Wellbeing Project
1. Adoption of the Mental Health Literacy milestones identified by UBC Wellbeing

# Food

## Proposed Funding for Food Insecurity Initiatives to UBC:

Items	Activities	Estimated Cost FY 22/23 (CAD)
UBC Food Hub	Space and Equipment (Scoping)	100,000 - 300,000
	1 FTE Coordinator (New)	75,000
	5 Student Staff	25,000
	Strengthen Existing Programming	25,000
	Digital Food Hub (Launched)	0
Food Outlets	2-3 outlets providing \$3 meal per day for general student population	70,000
Meal Share Program	Dignified food relief funds direct to student cards	200,000
Acadia Hampers	Weekly hampers at Acadia Park offering supplemental food & baby supplies	30,000
Agora	Food outlet that offers cheap food to food-insecure students	15,000
Sprouts	Food outlet that offers cheap food to food-insecure students	15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>555,000 - 755,000</b>

- According to the 2021 AMS Academic Experience Survey, 1 in 3 students are concerned about running out of money to buy food this year
- UBC should prioritize extending resources & give consideration to initiatives that aim to transition from an emergency model to a community-led sustainable model

# Strategic

## Initiatives

### Proposals to UBC:

1. Implementation of the Indigenous Strategic Plan
  - The AMS would like to see the Indigenous Strategic Plan embedded in the University's budget & separate fund dedicated to it
2. UBC's response to the climate emergency
  - Voicing AMS's support for UBC's Climate Action Plan 2030: extending resources required to operationalize CAP 2030





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**Thank you!**