THE UBC EXPERIENCE

The program you’re looking for
UBC consistently ranks among the top 40 universities and among the top 20 public institutions in the world. With 18 faculties that are comprised of 60 undergraduate and masters programs, 52,721 students call the UBC Vancouver campus home, including 12,117 international students from 139 countries.

In addition to its standing as one of the top research-intensive universities in the world, UBC also prides itself on maintaining a vibrant learning environment that features numerous experiential learning opportunities and a 15-1 student-teacher ratio.

The place you want to be
Surrounded by the forested trails of Pacific Spirit Regional Park and sandy beaches of the Pacific Ocean, UBC’s Vancouver campus finds itself nestled in the city’s Point Grey neighbourhood. The United Nations has ranked Vancouver as one of top three cities in the world in which to live for the past decade. Vancouver is renowned for pristine natural surroundings of mountain and sea, year-round mild temperatures, and culturally diverse communities.

THE THUNDERBIRDS EXPERIENCE

Canada’s most decorated athletics program
The UBC Thunderbirds varsity program consists of 25 teams in 13 sports, with affiliations in two inter-university leagues. Historically, UBC boasts the most successful program in U SPORTS, as Thunderbird teams have won over 100 U SPORTS national championships to date and nine in the US-based National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). UBC has also produced countless international competitors and medalists, including 231 Olympians, and hundreds of student-athletes who have been drafted into professional leagues around the world.

Academic and financial supports
The UBC Thunderbirds program employs full-time staff to aid student-athletes in their academic pursuits. An emphasis is placed on the transition of first-year students, for whom one-on-one tutoring and guaranteed housing is offered.

Priority course registration is made available for student-athletes in most faculties. Financial support is provided in the form of athletic scholarships and alumni-supported awards for leadership and academics, as well as a work-study program.

Integrated sport science
To optimize individual and team performance, student-athletes have access to state-of-the-art facilities, technology, hydrotherapy recovery rooms, and massage therapy. They are also supported by experts in exercise physiology, dietetics, and sport psychology. In addition, UBC’s strength and conditioning coaches tailor individual and sport-specific training regimens for student-athletes in the 4,000-square-foot Smith and Laycoe Varsity Weight Room.

Athlete health is a key priority at UBC, with three full-time therapists and strong partnerships with the UBC Student Health and Allan McGavin Sports Medicine Centre all dedicated to keeping athletes in top form, mentally and physically.
THE UBC BASEBALL ADVANTAGE

UBC Baseball has a tradition of success, as we are: the only official Canadian team to compete for a US National Championship (NAIA) • historically ranked in the top 25 in North America (200+ schools) • Region One Champions (2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015) • a high-achieving team (placing 4th in the 2006 NAIA World Series) • focused on academic/athletic balance (16 Academic All-Canadians* in the last four years)

Coaching staff/player development

Head Coach - Chris Pritchett
• All-American at UCLA
• Former Major League Baseball Player drafted in the second round by Anaheim Angels
• Hitting coach for Oakland Athletics
• Northwest/Canadian scout with Boston Red Sox

Hitting Coach - Shawn Bowman
• 10-year professional career (AAA)
• Junior national team coach
• Men’s Canadian senior national team member
• 2009 World Baseball Classic
• 2011 Pan American Games gold medalist

Pitching Coach - Wayne Corness
• 8th year as UBC assistant coach
• Assistant coach with Team Canada Collegiate Team in 2009
• Former minor leaguer with Astros/Mariners

Strength & Conditioning Coach - Dan Adams
• 6th year as UBC strength & conditioning coach
• 5 years experience coaching minor baseball
• Served on the B.C. chapter advisory board for the National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA)

Exceptional baseball facilities

UBC Thunderbirds Baseball Indoor Training Centre
• UBC Baseball trains in a new $3.5 million cutting edge, heated and fully turfed indoor facility located beside Thunderbird Baseball Park, allowing for a comfortable training environment year round. It includes four full-sized batting cages, a dedicated pitching area, high tech video analysis, pitching machines, and training tools.

UBC Thunderbird Baseball Park
• Full size all-weather field next to Training Centre
• UBC Thunderbirds Baseball Stadium is being built in 2017. This $9 million stadium will be built on the present site and will include 1,000 permanent seats with a capacity of 2,500 for larger events. An all-turf surface, portable game mound, lights, clubhouse, concessions, bathrooms, scoreboard, retail store and BBQ area will make it one of the best baseball facilities in Canada.

*exceptional student-athletes with an academic standing of 80% or better while playing on a varsity team
BECOMING A THUNDERBIRD

1. GOTHUNDERBIRDS.CA/RECRUIT
   - Thunderbirds recruitment information
   - Prospective Student Athlete Form

2. Ensure that UBC is the right academic and career choice for you. Investigate:
   - Programs offered
   - Academic prerequisites
   - Application deadlines

3. Compile your academic and athletic profiles
   - Academic transcripts
   - Playing history including participation in national, provincial and regional programs
   - Participation in other high performance sports
   - Coach recommendations
   - Highlight videos
   - Recent results

4. Make contact with head coach
   - Make your intentions known
   - Discuss your options
   - Have your questions answered

5. Apply to UBC before the deadlines in your preferred faculty

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