



Welcome

This document is designed to provide practical information for navigating your degree. Your graduate program is the opportunity to develop your scientific career and the administrative structure is designed to help you to achieve your goals. Please let us know if there are any additional pieces of information that would be helpful in this document.

1. Where do I go to ask questions and get help? Help is always available from the program coordinator and program assistant.

Program Coordinator:	Graduate Program Assistant:
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2. How do I find out about office space, keys, lab access, and other logistics? The BIMB program spans 3 departments in 2 faculties. The person who can help you is located in the same department as your advisor.

Supervisor Home Departments:

Biology Faculty	Chemistry Faculty
Philip Barker	Thu-Thuy Dang
Kirk Bergstrom	Isaac Li
Sanjoy Ghosh	Frederic Menard
Deanna Gibson	Susan Murch
Miranda Hart	Paul Shipley
Andis Klegeris	Kirsten Wolthers
Soheil Mahmoud	Wesley Zandberg
Louise Nelson	
Richard Plunkett	
Mark Rheault	

Department Assistants:

If your advisor is Faculty in Biology	If your advisor is Faculty in Chemistry
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3. How do I apply for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA)? GTAs are available from each of the departments and the Department Assistants may have an up-to-date list. Applications should be submitted to the department through these portals:

Biology Courses – GTA openings are posted here:

<https://biology.ok.ubc.ca/about/careers/>

Chemistry Courses – GTA openings are posted here:

<https://chemistry.ok.ubc.ca/about/careers/>

4. How do I get involved in the BIMB Community?

The Biochemistry Course Union (BCCU) is a student organization on UBC's Okanagan campus for those interested and/or majoring in biochemistry.

<https://www.facebook.com/UBCOBCCU/>

E-mail: bccu.ubc@gmail.com

5. Where can I find additional resources?

Biology Resources:

<https://biology.ok.ubc.ca/graduate/graduate-resources/>

Chemistry Resources:

<https://chemistry.ok.ubc.ca/graduate/resources/>

College of Graduate Studies Resources:

<https://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/current-students/>

6. Where can I get information about UBC Library Resources?

UBC Okanagan Library: [Okanagan Library: UBC's Okanagan Campus](#)

7. Where can I get information about Tuition and Awards?

UBC Okanagan Tuition, Awards, and Finance: [Tuition, Awards and Financial Support \(ubc.ca\)](#)

CoGS Award Database: <https://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/tuition-awards-and-finance/award-opportunities/>

8. Where can I get information on off-campus and on-campus housing?

UBC Okanagan Housing: [UBC Student Housing and Community Services](#)

9. What fun activities are there to do in Kelowna?

Kelowna is a city surrounded by beautiful scenery with many fun activities to do.

Check out: [Kelowna, BC | Activities & Attractions \(tourismkelowna.com\)](#)

10. What resources are available for Health and Wellness?

UBC promotes student wellness in body, mind, and spirit. Information on **Heath Clinic, Counselling & Mental Health, Health Insurance, Sexual Violence Prevention & Response** and links to other health resources can be found here: [Health & Wellness \(ubc.ca\)](#)

11. Where can I meet other graduate students?

There is a graduate student community with people from diverse backgrounds, information on how to find them and get involved can be found here: [Graduate Community \(ubc.ca\)](#)

12. Do you have questions on any of the following (graduate students):

- Student's Responsibilities
- Committee Meetings
- Annual Progress Reports
- Course Work and other Academic Requirements
- Research Proposal
- Thesis Guidelines

The answers can be found here: [BIMB-Handbook.pdf \(ubc.ca\)](#)

13. How to get involved with Peer Mentor Program?

Information on Peer Mentor Program can be found here: [Peer Mentor Program \(ubc.ca\)](#)

14. Are there any clubs that I can join or start?

UBC Okanagan has many diverse clubs and you can also apply to start one!

Check out more information here: [Clubs | UBCSUO](#)

15. How can I find resources for International Students?

International Programs & Services is here to support you throughout your entire journey.

<https://students.ok.ubc.ca/international-students/>

16. Where can I get answers to all my other questions?

Graduate Policy and Procedure Manual is here:

<https://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/policies-procedures/>