Research Facilities

We offer top-notch facilities in many areas of contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology, located at several sites across the UBC campus and affiliated institutes:

- Life Science Institute: http://lsi.ubc.ca/
- Michael Smith Labs: http://www.msl.ubc.ca/
- BC Cancer Agency: http://www.bccrc.ca/
- Centre for High-Throughput Biology: http://www.chibi.ubc.ca/
- Brain Research Centre: http://www.brain.ubc.ca/
- Centre for Blood Research: http://www.cbr.ubc.ca/
- Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics: http://www.cmmt.ubc.ca

Research Strengths & Facilities

Our graduate program offers training in 35 research groups with research interests in many areas of contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology.

The research projects available for graduate studies involve work that aims to advance our understanding of fundamental problems in biology and to apply that knowledge to understanding and treatment of human disease. To achieve these goals, our laboratories are well funded and equipped with the very best cutting-edge equipment and resources.

Moreover, the highly interactive approach to research builds on our strong links within the Life Sciences Institute - and beyond, to the Michael Smith Laboratories, the Genome Sciences Centre, The BC Cancer Research Centre, the Centre for High Throughput Biology, the Centre for Drug Research and Development and the Centre for Macular Research.

As a graduate student in our program you will benefit from support and mentorship of your own lab colleagues as well as the outstanding groups of undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral trainees throughout the department. In addition to specific research projects and associated course work, interactions between groups and laboratories form the focus of weekly seminars, monthly poster sessions and our annual retreat and other social events.

To learn more about specific research projects simply check out the on-line links to the home pages of individual faculty members, accessible from www.biochem.ubc.ca.
Graduate Admissions
UBC Faculty of Graduate Studies establishes common minimum academic requirements: www.grad.ubc.ca. We offer MSc and PhD programs, which prepare you for a career in research. In your application let us know what interests you and we will provide the environment.

Financial Support
Financial support for grads comes from one or more of four basic sources: merit-based studentships, teaching and research assistantships, need-based awards and research grants. Based on our current enrolment of 66 grads, 45% hold a major studentship (NSERC, CIHR, MSFHR, and 4YF) and all others are supported by research grants.

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Research Areas:
- Vibrant, collaborative, multi-disciplinary, bridging fundamental problems in chemistry and biology
- Structural biology and molecular biophysics
- Signal transduction
- Gene expression, chromatin structure, and the regulation of transcription and translation
- Protein trafficking and secretion
- Membrane biology
- Enzymology
- Proteomics and degradomics
- Chemical biology and drug discovery
- Disease mechanisms related to vision, diabetes, cancer, and bacterial pathogenicity
- Computational biology

Biochemistry Quick Facts:
- 29 Faculty Members and 11 Associate Members
- 20 administrative and research staff
- 66 Graduate students
- 35 Post Doctoral Fellows
- Trainees and scientists from around the world
- Activities from skiing/snowboarding at Whistler to sailing/wind-surfing in English Bay
- Lots to choose from within an hour drive
- International cuisine, local wines and beers, excellent sushi (our grads “say best in Canada”)
- Unsurpassed record of excellence with 2 Nobel Laureates: Michael Smith and Gobind Khorana
- Home to 5 Canada Research Chairs and other national and international award winners
- “Tuum Est” - It is up to you and you can change the world

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