UBC THUNDERBIRDS

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Only 15 minutes from the heart of downtown Vancouver, the University of British Columbia holds an international reputation for excellence in advanced research and learning, as well as high performance varsity athletics. More than 60 undergraduate and masters programs are offered to UBC’s 48,000 students, a group that includes 4,000 international students from 120 countries. The spectacular UBC campus is a ‘must-see’ for any visitor to the city - where snow-capped mountains meet ocean, and breathtaking vistas greet you around every corner.

The university boasts some of the city’s best attractions and recreation facilities, including the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Arena -a 2010 Olympic venue-, picturesque Thunderbird Stadium, and historic War Memorial Gym, not to mention endless opportunities to explore forested trails in the adjoining 763-hectare Pacific Spirit Regional Park. As Canada’s global university, the University of British Columbia measures its success against the best universities worldwide. Ranked 40th in 2013, UBC has ranked in the top 40 of the world’s best universities for 10 years in the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Institute of Higher Education rankings, a survey recognized by the Economist as being “the most widely used annual ranking of world universities.”

UBC Thunderbird teams have won more national championships all-time than any other school in Canada. In the past year, UBC Women’s Volleyball claimed their sixth consecutive CIS championships banner and Women’s Cross Country added another NAIA title to run the school’s total to 87 CIS triumphs and 6 NAIA crowns while many more of its teams consistently rank among the nation’s best. UBC is home to 29 varsity teams in 15 sports, including the 18-time national champion women’s swim team and Canada’s only true university baseball program. UBC has helped produce over 240 Olympians, among them 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Brent Hayden and former world record holder Annamay Pierse, as well as countless national team and professional athletes, including the likes of Major League Baseball pitcher Jeff Francis and CFL standout Shea Emry. Thunderbird student-athletes are committed equally to their sport and their studies, with UBC ranked among the top schools in Academic All-Canadians annually.

The University also claims Canada’s largest athletic awards endowment, bolstered by the annual TELUS Millennium Scholarship Breakfast, which has raised over $9 million in 13 years to help keep Canada’s best student-athletes at home, and attract the world’s best to UBC.

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Apply online at: you.ubc.ca

1. Go to you.ubc.ca

2. Click ‘Apply to UBC’ (Example A)

3. If you have not created a profile on you.ubc.ca before, click the ‘New User’. If you have already have an account, click ‘Already Have An Account’. (Example B)

4. Just follow the prompts, this will allow you to create a Campus Wide Login (CWL).

5. After you have created your account and CWL you will be able to start the application process.

5. In the ‘Application Comments’ section of the UBC Application please indicate that you are student-athlete.

Note: Once you have submitted your application you cannot make any changes.
TIPS FOR THE PERSONAL PROFILE

There are no right or wrong answers.

**Going beyond your high school transcript**
UBC knows that learning happens everywhere. We want to hear what you’ve learned from your experiences inside and outside the classroom and what you want to engage in academically at UBC. Be mindful of the program you’ve applied to.

**Be authentic. Be specific.**
Choose an experience to write about and really explore it through our personal profile questions. An honest, genuine response is always the best response. Try to stay away from the answers you think UBC wants to hear; we are interested in your voice.

**Spend time on your answers.**
The UBC personal profile is supposed to make you think. It will take you some time to write your answers and you may re-write them a few times before submitting. If you find it hard to complete your personal profile, it probably means you are on the right track.