

# Canada

## UCEAP Advising Notes

### Objective

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) Adviser to review program-specific details that may impact a student's decision to apply for a UCEAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application, and other logistical details freely available to students on the [UCEAP](#) and [BSA website](#). If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA Adviser for this program.



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## Summary of Programs

	Summer	Fall	Year	Spring
<a href="#">McGill University</a>		X	X	X
<a href="#">University of British Columbia</a>		X	X	X

## Graduating Seniors (Spring/Year)

The Canada spring and year programs end in April. Grades are usually available by the end of spring semester at Berkeley. Seniors can go on the Year or Spring Semester programs and return to Berkeley to attend graduation ceremonies in mid-May.

## McGill University

Located within the predominantly Francophone province of Quebec, studies at McGill University are a particularly excellent choice for students pursuing French language and culture, both within classroom settings and outside the classroom. Both French and English are widely spoken throughout the city. UCEAP students can access a full range of departments and majors, from anthropology to business, including French and many other fields of study.

The 3.0 GPA requirement is firm at time of application, no exceptions.

Students with disabilities may find accessibility and accommodation different from what they experience in the US. [McGill's Office for Students with Disabilities](#) and [Adaptive Mobility](#) provide information about on-campus accessibility resources. Please review the [I am a Student with a Disability](#) page to review the process for requesting accommodations for a study abroad program.

[Queer McGill](#) is a service available through the Student Society of McGill University and is a social, political, and informational support service provided by queer students for queer students.

# University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia is the second-largest university in Canada with an enrollment of over 32,000. It has over 100 departments and offers courses in a wide range of subject areas. Some areas of study in both undergraduate and graduate fields are off-limits because of limited enrollment for Canadian students and some have only limited course availability. Find more in the [Academic Section of the UCEAP website](#).

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LGBTQI+ students have access to resources at UBC and can read more about them in this [UBC Life blog](#).

## Bamfield Marine Research Station

The [Bamfield](#) fall semester in marine biology program is a rigorous program for serious students who have graduate school in marine biology in mind. The Bamfield Marine Research Station is located on the remote west coast of Vancouver Island. The Bamfield option requires a commitment to a full semester of 5 courses. You will be enrolled at the Univ. of British Columbia while on the program but will not have any contact with the UBC campus for orientation or instruction: everything happens at Bamfield on Vancouver Island, and you live at Bamfield the entire semester.

## Scholarships for Canada Study Abroad

### Killam Fellowship for Undergraduates

[The Killam Fellowships Program](#) provides an opportunity for exceptional undergraduate students from universities in the United States to spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in Canada. The program provides a cash award of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 per semester) as well as an allowance of \$500 to offset health insurance costs. In addition, all Fellows are eligible to apply for a mobility (travel) grant in an amount not to exceed \$800.

You must be a U.S. Citizen with a U.S. passport, have junior standing by departure for your study abroad program, have a good GPA, and possess certain ambassadorial qualities. Students need to identify 4 Canadian universities they wish to apply to and rank-order them.

Your first choice should be either McGill University or University of British Columbia on UCEAP. Send a copy of the Killam Scholarship to the [Canada Adviser](#). In your UCEAP program, you will be expected to engage in research or an internship and community service. Students must participate in an Orientation in fall and a Field Trip to Washington in spring. Semester-only students must attend both the fall Orientation and the spring trip to Washington.

## Rita Ross Undergraduate Prize

The [Rita Ross Undergraduate Prize in Canadian Studies](#) was established to honor longtime Associate Director of the UC Berkeley Canadian Studies Program, Dr. Rita Ross and to support undergraduate students pursuing a research topic related to Canada in a UC Berkeley class or independent study project. The prize is awarded annually to the student who has written the best undergraduate research paper or produced the best original project that engages with topics, people or events related to Canada. Decisions about awards are made by the Thomas Garden Barnes Chair in Canadian Studies in consultation with other faculty affiliated with the Canadian Studies Program.

## Edward E. Hildebrand Research Fellowship (Graduate Only)

The [Hildebrand Research fellowship](#) competition is open to graduate students of any citizenship enrolled at Berkeley whose research focuses primarily or comparatively on Canada. The applicant should demonstrate the potential for excellent scholarship and describe a project that will contribute to knowledge about Canada and/or the Canadian-U.S. relationship. Funds are intended for direct travel and research costs.

## Undergraduate Research Funding

The Canadian Studies Program provides support to undergraduate students pursuing research in Canada for a UC Berkeley class or independent study project on a case-by-case basis. Awards are made at the director's discretion. Undergraduate proposals are evaluated similarly to applications for the Hildebrand Graduate Fellowship.

## Working Abroad

Students may be eligible to work in Canada while studying if they obtain a [study permit](#). Students on exchange do not need a work permit to work on or off campus as long as they maintain full-time enrollment. However, any student who hopes to work on or off campus will need to apply for a study permit, even if it is not required as a part of their immigration requirement.

# LGBTQIA+ Identifying Students

Threat to safety in the LGBTIQ community is minimal. Societal tolerance ranges from tolerance to acceptance. Review [tips and resources for LGBTQIA+ Identifying Students](#).

## Canada Travel Resources

### Destination Indigenous

[Destination Indigenous](#) is for travelers seeking authentic Indigenous experiences in Canada. Launched in 2020 by the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, Destination Indigenous markets the best Indigenous tourism experiences from coast to coast to coast. Destination Indigenous opens doors into the living cultures of Indigenous Peoples in Canada today through Indigenous nature and wildlife tours, cultural sharing, accommodation and relaxation, culinary experiences, shopping, and more.

### Travel Noire: Canada

[Travel Noire](#) is an award-winning boutique travel company that delivers compelling tools, resources & transformative retreats to help travelers discover, plan, and experience new destinations.