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Welcome to UBC!

This checklist is designed to help you during your onboarding and includes onboarding fundamentals, how to gain a clear understanding of your role, and suggestions for how to connect with your new team. If you don’t have a specific onboarding plan from your manager, we encourage you to check in with them to see what additional onboarding steps they recommend for your specific role.

Workday

Workday is UBC’s finance and human resource management system. You will receive emails from Workday with tasks and to-do’s that you must complete as part of your onboarding.

The Integrated Service Centre (ISC) offers support with Workday questions, issues, and requests. Here, you can submit a Workday support request, speak with a representative, or search their Workday knowledge base. Below are some knowledge base articles that may be beneficial as you navigate your onboarding:

- How to use the Workday Knowledge Base
- How to complete your Onboarding in Workday
- Required Onboarding and Job Specific Training
- How do I enroll in benefits and pension as a new hire?
- How do I view my benefits?

On your first day

- Set up your Enhanced CWL. Have your Campus Wide Login (CWL) but trouble logging into some sites? To enhance cybersecurity you will need to set up multi-factor authentication for your CWL.

- Complete all of your onboarding tasks in Workday:
  - Complete your payroll information, including your primary address, payment election, direct deposit task and tax elections.

To ensure that you receive your first paycheck on time, refer to the basics about payment for employees to get step-by-step instructions for new employees to update their contact and direct deposit information in Workday.

This payroll calendar includes important dates for payroll, including pay dates, and deadlines for employee time entries and supervisor approvals.
• Personal and contact information, Government ID, and Federal & Provincial Tax elections will be the next tasks assigned to you.

• If eligible, you will receive a task in your Workday inbox to enrol in Benefits. To complete this, you will need your Social Insurance Number (SIN) and the Personal Health Number (PHN) for you and your dependents. There is a helpful Benefits Enrolment Guide you can follow for additional support and guidance.

• Complete the UBC mandatory trainings. Workday will link you to the trainings you are required to complete within the Workplace Learning Ecosystem (WPL).

  □ Review UBC Orientations & Onboarding website and access the Orientations & Onboarding WPL catalog for resources designed and curated by the UBC Orientation & Onboarding team. Be sure to register for the Welcome to UBC Orientation event!
  □ Your manager will schedule check-ins with you
  □ Your team will schedule virtual or in person introductions with you
  □ If applicable, test your virtual set-up and access, troubleshoot with manager if needed
  □ If you require any accommodation or accessibility support, discuss support needs with your manager or contact the Centre for Workplace Accessibility (CWA) should you not want to disclose your disability or mental condition to your manager. The CWA is available to support new faculty and staff with accommodation and accessibility support to help remove barriers in the workplace.

During your first weeks

  □ You will have frequent check-ins with your manager. Topics to consider:
    • Onboarding needs or administrative support
    • Progress and performance goals
    • Social connection and networking
    • Discuss the hybrid work program and resources available for staff at UBC
  □ Time to review documentation and information relevant to your role.
  □ Ergonomically set up your workstation (on campus and remote)
  □ Introductory conversations with colleagues on your team. Learn about their roles and how you will work together.
  □ Introduction to projects and initiatives you will be working on and supporting.
  □ Peer-training on relevant systems and processes.
  □ Create an on-brand email signature using this generator.
  □ Explore the UBC Today website for the latest news, updates, events, useful dates and curated resources from across UBC, curated for faculty and staff by Internal Communications.
Learn about your sustainable commute options and benefits to make your travel to/from and on campus a breeze.

Ask your team what university newsletters you should consider subscribing to.

Explore some of the onboarding and learning opportunities available:

- Orientations & Onboarding WPL Catalog
- Indigenous learning resources for staff and faculty
- Antiracism and Inclusive Excellence events

Review relevant strategic initiatives:

- UBC's Strategic Plan
- Focus on People
- Inclusion Action Plan
- Indigenous Strategic Plan
- Wellbeing Strategic Framework
- Climate Action Plan

Review UBC’s policies and procedures:

- UBC Statement on Respectful Environment
- Policy GA4 – Records management
- Policy SC1 – Health and Safety
- Policy SC5 – Snow
- Policy SC7 – Discrimination
- Policy SC13 – At-Risk Behaviour
- Policy SC14 – Information Systems
- Security Standards

Within your first three months

- Continue to have regular check-ins with your manager.
- Have a conversation with your manager about your probationary period and prepare for your performance conversation.
- Consider ways to grow your career at UBC.
Who to contact for help

- For Workday issues or questions: submit a support request through the UBC Self Service Portal or call 604-822-8200 for UBC Vancouver or 250-807-8163 for UBC Okanagan.

- For questions about your benefits coverage or eligibility: visit the Benefits website, email the Benefits team at benefitsinfo@hr.ubc.ca or call 604-822-8111 between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- For questions around your onboarding experience, or resources available to you, contact the Orientations & Onboarding team at workplace.orientations@ubc.ca. We would also love to hear your feedback on this resource!

- For workplace accommodation and accessibility support, contact the Centre for Workplace Accessibility and speak confidentially with a Workplace Accessibility Specialist by phone at 604-822-8139 or by email at workplace.accessibility@ubc.ca.

New to UBC Orientation Course (Vancouver & Okanagan Campuses)

There’s a lot to learn and discover as you settle into your new role at UBC. The New to UBC Orientation Course is a self-directed resource and learning space filled with informative and interactive content curated specifically to support new faculty and staff as you navigate the university community during your first couple of months and beyond.

Take the New to UBC Vancouver Orientation Course or New to UBC Okanagan Orientation Course.

Faculty and Staff Orientation events offered by the university will expand on the content in this course and provide additional networking and engagement opportunities with the UBC community.