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Housing Resources for UBC Faculty and Staff

1. **Home Ownership Information**
   a. Buying a Home in British Columbia - [https://www.recbc.ca/about/buyinghome-2.html](https://www.recbc.ca/about/buyinghome-2.html)
      i. Procedures involved in purchasing a home, documents required, and understanding the roles of people who may be involved in the transaction. Provided by the Real Estate Council of British Columbia.
   b. Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board - [https://www.omreb.com/](https://www.omreb.com/)
      i. Find A REALTOR: [https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location](https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location)
      ii. Find a Home: [https://www.realtor.ca/](https://www.realtor.ca/)
      iii. Market Stats: [https://www.omreb.com/market-stats/](https://www.omreb.com/market-stats/)
   c. New Real Estate Construction Kelowna: [https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc](https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc)
   d. Canada Home & Mortgage Corporation: [https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/)
      i. Provide mortgage loan insurance, mortgage-backed securities, housing policy and programs, and housing research.
   e. Canadian Bankers Association: [https://cba.ca/](https://cba.ca/)
      i. Offer consumer information on mortgages, financing and the Canadian Home Buyer’s Plan.
   f. First Time Home Buyer’s Program for BC Residents: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers)
      i. This program reduces or eliminates the amount of property transfer tax you pay when you purchase your first home. See the website for [eligibility criteria](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers).
   g. BC Home Owner Grant: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant)
      i. This grand reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence.
      i. A variety of grants and special programs to help Canadians with home ownership.
      i. A program that allows you to withdraw from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home.
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2. Long Term Rentals (1 year +)
      i. University District (U-District): https://missiongrouprentals.ca/u-district/
      ii. Midtown: https://1920enterprise.com/
   b. Castanet – Kelowna classified advertisements: https://classifieds.castanet.net/cat/rentals/
   c. Craigslist Kelowna: https://kelowna.craigslist.org/search/apa
   d. Kijiji Kelowna: https://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/kelowna/kelowna/house/k0c37l1700228a29276001
   e. PadMapper: https://www.padmapper.com/apartments/kelowna-bc
   f. Rent BC: https://apartmentlove.com/?p=searchMap
   g. Sabbatical Homes: https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/

3. Short Term Rentals (1 – 6+ months)
   a. UBC Okanagan Conferences and Accommodation: http://www.okanagan.ubcconferences.com/accommodations/
   b. Four Points Sheraton Kelowna Airport: http://www.fourpointskelownaairport.com/UBC
   c. Kelowna Tourism Accommodation Listings: https://www.tourismkelowna.com/places-to-stay/

4. Human Resource’s Long and Short Term Rental spreadsheet
   a. Only provided by request.
      i. Includes local rental properties that members of the community have contacted HR to specifically advertise to faculty and staff.
      ii. HR does not inspect properties or evaluate the landlords who contact us to list their property.