

## Neuroscience Graduate Program Prospective Students

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate Program in Neuroscience at the University of British Columbia. Please take the time to read below as you may find the answer to your question(s). **If after you have read through all of the provided links** you still have an unanswered question, please email [ubc.neuroscience@ubc.ca](mailto:ubc.neuroscience@ubc.ca) with your specific question and we will respond to you as soon as we can – thank you for your patience.

We receive over 100 applications for approximately 25 spots in the program, so being accepted is highly competitive. Acceptance into the program is dependent on:

- 1) Meeting the general entrance requirements of the Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies for [Canadian/US](#) and [international](#) applications
- 2) Meeting the Program [requirements](#);
- 3) Being accepted by the Neuroscience Admissions Committee, and
- 4) Having a faculty supervisor to mentor and support your research

Meeting the requirements does not guarantee admission. As this program is research-based, you need to have a faculty supervisor to mentor your research. You could have an excellent application, but without a faculty supervisor we cannot admit you. If you can secure external funding, your chances of being admitted are much higher.

To make your application more competitive, consider the following:

- Browse the current faculty members [here](#) and [here](#)
- Browse [current research projects](#)
- Contact any faculty whose research interests match your own, and ask if they are interested in taking on students for September 2024
  - It is helpful to include your resume, transcript and brief summary of your research interests
  - Please note faculty are very busy; it may take them time to respond
  - Be prepared to follow-up, and realize sometimes no response is a response
- Prepare your application documents before you start the online application
- Secure external funding (learn more [here](#))

The application for September 2024 will open in July 2023 and close December 1, 2023. We encourage you to attend a [virtual session for prospective students](#).

### Prospective Student?

If you are just beginning your search and have general questions, please check [Neuroscience Graduate Program – Prospective Students](#)

Additional information is available at:

- [Neuroscience – Vancouver Academic Calendar](#)
- [Master of Science – Neuroscience Overview](#)
- [Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience Overview](#)

### Application Questions?

- Please ensure that you carefully read the instructions on the [application form](#) and [FAQ](#).
- After submitting your application, it is your responsibility to ensure that all supporting material is submitted by the deadline. Due to the very large numbers of applications we receive, we **do not** allow extensions. The Admissions Committee will only review complete applications.
- **Note to International Applicants:** The Faculty of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies has very strict requirements for transcript submission. Please [refer to their website for information](#) about the official document requirements.
- If you need technical assistance with your application, once you've submitted it, please email [graduate.apply@ubc.ca](mailto:graduate.apply@ubc.ca), clearly describing your issue.
- Due to the large number of applications we receive, we will not respond to emails regarding the status of your application. **You can check the status of your application and supporting materials through the [online application system](#).** You will be sent an email once the Admissions Committee makes their decision.

### Funding and Awards

- Information on tuition and fees is available on the [G+PS website](#) under “Prospective Students”. G+PS also has this [Cost of Living calculator](#) to help with estimating the cost of graduate school.
- Research supervisors must commit to supporting graduate students financially through the course of their studies. The minimum level of support is \$22,500 per year for 2 years (MSc students) and \$26,000 per year for 4 years (PhD students).
- Financial support to a minimum level can be made up from several sources including external governmental awards (i.e. CIHR, NSERC), UBC awards and scholarships, research assistant (RAships) funded through supervisor grants, TAships etc.
- We encourage you to see [external funding](#) to improve the competitiveness of your application.

### Other useful links:

[Graduate Awards, Scholarships, Financial Aid](#)  
[Graduate Housing](#)  
[Wellbeing](#)