

UBC Summer Accommodation & Transportation Information

Optional-Residency MFA Summer Residency, 2019

Residency Dates: July 8th to 17th 2019.

We expect out-of-town students to arrive on July 7th (Sunday) and depart on July 17th (Thursday). We will have programming starting in the morning of the 8th and ending late afternoon / evening on the 17th.

Workshops, panels and readings will take place near the offices of the UBC Creative Writing Program (Buchanan D & E Block), and nearby classroom and event space on the UBC Campus. Please keep this in mind when considering accommodation as some locations are quite far from us (see www.maps.ubc.ca for campus information)..

Meals

UBC has many dining options available, from the cafeteria in the Student Union Building to a number of nearby restaurants. We'll provide information about options in our handbook/schedule closer to the residency.

Accommodation at UBC

UBC Conferences & Accommodation

The centre opens many of UBC's student residences to outside visitors during the summer. Rooms range from basic student/hostel style accommodation to apartment-like suites. Rates range widely from the low priced hostel (there's a 10% discount for ISIC and HI card holders), to the higher priced Gage and West Coast Suites options. Breakfasts are sometimes included. Booking early is recommended as many groups come to UBC in the summer. Groups of students may want to investigate renting shared apartments as there are good deals on 4 and 6 room units - coordination on our discussion forum would be useful for this option, if there are spaces available.

Contact:

UBC Conference Centre.

Tel: (604) 822-1000. Toll Free: 1-888-822-1030 (U.S. and Canada)

Fax: (604) 822-1001

E-mail: reservations@housing.ubc.ca

Web: <http://suitesatubc.com>

Carey Centre

Part of UBC's Theology Block, and a short walk from our classrooms, the Carey Centre rents out student dorm rooms during the summer. They have a number of room and apartment options available from \$106 per night upwards.

<https://live.carey-edu.ca/rooms>

St. Andrew's Hall

The Presbyterian theological college at UBC, St. Andrew's rents out a limited number of rooms during the summer to visitors. Accommodations include single rooms in co-ed quads (4 room blocks) for \$69 per night, studio apartments for \$117 per night, as well as 1 and 2 bedroom accommodations for slightly more. The hall is quite near CRWR.

<http://standrews.edu/passion/housing-hospitality/residence-summer-term/>

St. John's College

During the summer term, St. John's College offers summer accommodation rooms to academic visitors to UBC in comfortable single rooms furnished with a twin bed and private washroom. The minimum stay is 7 nights, with payment due on arrival. \$688 for 7 nights plus \$102 per additional night, plus tax. The college is a 10-15 minute walk from CRWR.

<http://stjohns.ubc.ca/home/guest-and-meeting-room/guest-accommodation/?login>

TRIUMF House

Guest rooms are available at TRIUMF House, accommodation connected to UBC's particle accelerator program. They put up non-researcher guests as well as visiting scientists. A twin room is \$110 per night. A one bedroom suite \$150. It is a fairly long walk from CRWR, however, being on the other side of campus.

<http://triumfhouse.ca/non-triumf-lab-ubc-rates.php>

Accommodation off Campus

Bed & Breakfasts

Although not always budget accommodation, there are several B&Bs convenient to UBC which provide another option, as well as AirBnB and similar services. Tripadvisor (www.tripadvisor.com) is also useful for vetting accommodation in advance.

International Hostel

The hostel is a modest bus ride and walk from UBC. Shared room rates are very reasonable, especially for members. The hostel is in an attractive location near the ocean, and has on-site kitchen facilities for those on a budget.

Contact:

Hostelling International - Vancouver Jericho Beach

Tel: (604) 224-3208

Toll Free: 1-888-203-4303

E-mail: vancouver.jericho@hihostels.ca

Web: Jericho Hostel

Transportation

Vancouver is a major travel hub; students flying in should have no problem arranging transportation. UBC is a 20 minute taxi ride from the airport (\$50-\$60 or so), and is also reachable by bus and skytrain, Vancouver's very own subway/monorail (the train doesn't go to the university, but you can change to an express bus along the way by getting off at the Oakridge-41st Station Northbound. Transfer to either the #43 UBC or #41 UBC buses). Downtown Vancouver is a 20 to 30 minute bus ride away from the university.

Students driving to UBC will require a parking pass for the duration of the residency – student passes are available at the faculty rate (since you are grad students) through <https://parking.ubc.ca>. We provide a student guide with more information on all of this, including complete directions, an updated schedule and other useful information closer to the date of the residency.