



# Response to feedback received

## Tuition Consultation 2018/19

Theme	Response to feedback
<p><b>Personal/peer financial situation</b></p> <p><b>Effect on international students</b></p> <p><b>Education should be accessible</b></p> <p><b>Rising costs</b></p> <p><b>Student financial aid</b></p> <p><b>TA stipends/employment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UBC cares about student access to education, demonstrated and committed through <a href="#">Policy 72</a> and the UBC Access Promise. No eligible domestic student will be prevented from commencing or continuing their studies for financial reasons alone. <a href="#">Click here</a> to access these funds.</li> <li>• International students can find out more about student financial aid <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Each year, UBC provides approximately \$100 million in financial support through scholarships and bursary programs. These are a few examples of that support: <a href="#">Blue &amp; Gold Campaign</a> <a href="#">2016-2017 Annual Report on Student Financial Aid</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Differences in International/Domestic tuition</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International and domestic students’ tuition differentials are explained here: <a href="#">International student enrolment information</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Need more value</b></p> <p><b>Construction on campus</b></p> <p><b>Fee allocation transparency</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Explanation of university budgeting</a></li> <li>• Construction and renewal of buildings, walkways, fountains, and public spaces are not funded by tuition fees. They are capital infrastructure projects funded through the UBC Endowment, private donations, government investments, and levies on UBC-owned land.</li> <li>• \$2.5M additional investment in student mental health &amp; wellbeing</li> <li>• \$2M Commitment to Student Diversity Fund</li> <li>• Since increases to tuition are a result of inflationary pressures, most tuition is allocated to offset these pressures within already existing initiatives/units</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cut costs</b></p> <p><b>Additional funding (Government or other source)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University faces financial pressures as costs continue to rise year over year, while revenue sources are constrained. UBC continues to look for cost savings and other revenue opportunities, including through the bookstore, copyright Canada, and supporting the adoption of open educational</li> </ul>



	<p>resources. Tuition increases are necessary to address inflationary pressures and to maintain our commitment to an excellent teaching and learning environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Since 2005 the <a href="#">Provincial Government policy</a> has capped tuition increases for domestic students to 2% annually.</li></ul>
<p><b>Too many increases</b></p> <p><b>Increases for continuing students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are working to make clear in the UBC Calendar, <a href="https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/tuition-fees">https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/tuition-fees</a>, as well as through the admissions process about the tuition fees students can expect to pay.</li><li>• Possibility of differentiating annual increases across programs (ex: smaller increases for professional programs like Dentistry, Pharmacy, Medicine...).</li></ul>
<p><b>Consultation process</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comments on this consultation were collected by the Office of the Vice-President, Students (VPS) and were read, anonymized, compiled, and submitted first to administrators to inform the final proposal, and then to the Board of Governors, who reviewed comments before they met to vote on the proposed tuition and fee increases.</li><li>• Commitment to make changes to the consultation process based on feedback this year.</li></ul>