



Vantage College

Vantage One Excellence Award

2017 - 2018 NOMINATION • VANCOUVER CAMPUS

The **Vantage One Excellence Award** recognizes students who demonstrate superior academic achievement, leadership skills, involvement in student affairs and community service, recognized achievement in fields of endeavour such as the performing arts, sports, debating or creative writing, or external academic competitions and examinations.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for the Vantage One Excellence Award at UBC, the nominee **must**:

- be an international student, who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a permanent resident of Canada, and who will be studying in Canada on a Canadian Study Permit (visa);
- be entering a UBC undergraduate degree program at Vancouver campus from a recognized secondary school, or transferring from a recognized college or other university;
- be applying for their first undergraduate degree;
- be **admissible to the program** they are applying to, including meeting UBC Vantage College's English Language Admission Standard (visit vantagecollege.ubc.ca/admissions for detailed admissions information);
- have an excellent academic record (at least an **"A"** average or equivalent standard);
- be **nominated** by the academic institution they are currently attending or have recently graduated from;
- demonstrate a significant level of financial need that would otherwise prevent them from pursuing a UBC degree.

Excellence Award winners will receive an award-level commensurate with their financial need as determined by the costs of their tuition and student fees, plus their living and other related costs at UBC, minus the financial contribution the student and their family can make annually towards these costs. A standard needs-assessment will be made, based on the financial information provided by students and their families.

The Excellence Award can be renewed for up to three additional years of undergraduate study, or to degree completion, whichever is less, provided the student achieves satisfactory academic standing in their Faculty, continues to demonstrate financial need, and maintains their Canadian Study Permit (visa).

Results of the Excellence Awards competition will be shared by June 01, 2017. The decision of the Vantage One Award Selection Committee on all nominations is final.

Important Dates	
Deadline for nominee to submit the online Admission Application at you.ubc.ca .	December 1, 2016
Deadline for school to submit the completed Excellence Award nomination package, including transcripts (postmarked date).	December 1, 2016
Our office will email the nominee to confirm that we have received your Excellence Award nomination package. If you have not received an email by this date, contact us as soon as possible.	February 28, 2017
Deadline for nominee to submit any supporting documentation and/or results not available by December 1 (such as transcripts, financial documentation, TOEFL score).	March 15, 2017
Nominees informed of results of Excellence Award competition.	Early May, 2017



INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINEE AND SCHOOL

THE NOMINEE:

- 1) The nominee must complete **Sections 1 and 3**.
- 2) **Online Admission Application**
The **deadline for Excellence Award nominees** to complete and submit the **online Admission Application** at you.ubc.ca and pay the application fee is **Thursday, December 1, 2016**.
 - a. **Required Documents for Undergraduate Admission:** see (2) in 'The School' section.
 - b. All nominees **must** satisfy the Vantage College's **English Language Admission Standard (ELAS)** – see vantagecollege.ubc.ca/admissions. Official test scores must be sent directly to UBC by the testing agency and be received at UBC **by March 15, 2017**.

THE SCHOOL:

- 1) The nominating school/institution must complete **Sections 2.1 – 2.2**.
- 2) **Required Documents for Undergraduate Admission**
Once the online application is submitted, UBC will send the applicant an acknowledgement email detailing what **documents** are required. **Nominees must ensure their school is aware of these document requirements**. For timely evaluation of the Admission Application, we ask that schools **submit the required documents, if available, with the nomination package**, by the **deadline of March 15, 2017**.

Transcript(s):
 - a) *For high school students:* Grades 9 to 11 and Grade 12 interim/mid-year transcript and if applicable, official mock, pre-board or predicted final grades for courses that are still in progress. In British-patterned education, certified copies of GCSE 'O' Level, GCE 'AS', 'A' Level certificates, and predicted 'AS' or 'A' Level grades are required.

The UBC Admissions Office will accept scanned transcripts and certificates that are uploaded by the student or emailed by the school from an official school email address, but at a later stage will require official transcripts and certificates to formalize any offer of admission.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Transcripts must be in the original language of instruction. If the transcript is in a language other than English or French, a certified translation by a recognized translation agency must be provided.
- 3) **A school profile** or description of the institution the nominee is currently attending, if available.

Submitting the Excellence Award Nomination Package

The institution must send the **completed** Excellence Award nomination package containing the Excellence nomination, official transcript(s) and other supporting documentation in a **sealed, school envelope to:**

**The Administrator, Vantage Excellence Award
International Student Initiative, The University of British Columbia
1200 – 1874 East Mall, Welcome Centre
Vancouver BC, CANADA V6T 1Z1**

We strongly recommend you use international courier services, as regular mail may take several weeks to reach Canada and UBC. **Vantage College will also accept electronic submissions of completed applications: applicants are permitted to complete application forms by hand, scan and email digital copies for consideration to international.awards@ubc.ca (subject line "Vantage Excellence Award").** Faxed, late or incomplete packages **cannot be accepted** and UBC is not responsible for Excellence nomination packages not received by the deadline. **Nominees should keep a copy of their Excellence Award nomination package.**

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Questions about the Excellence Award nomination package? email: international.awards@ubc.ca



SECTION 1: THE NOMINEE

1.1 NOMINEE'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname / Last Name			First/Given Name			Middle Name(s)		
UBC Student Number			Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)			Citizenship		
I will be an international student studying at UBC on a Canadian Study Permit (visa) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No								
Mailing Address (correspondence will be sent to this address) _____ Street Address								
City		Province/State		Postal/Zip Code		Country		
Telephone (Daytime): _____ Country Code City Code Number			Telephone (Evening): _____ Country Code City Code Number					
Fax: _____ Country Code City Code Number			Email _____					
Permanent Address (if different from above) _____ Street Address								
City		Province/State		Postal/Zip Code		Country		
Telephone (Daytime): _____ Country Code City Code Number			Telephone (Evening): _____ Country Code City Code Number					

1.2 PROGRAM OF STUDY

The nomination for an Excellence Award and the application to a UBC undergraduate program are separate processes. You must submit both to be eligible for the Excellence Award. Applicants for Vantage One programs at UBC may indicate a first and second choice for a Program of Study in their online Admission Application. A student selected to win an Excellence Award will not be permitted to change their Program of Study until the end of their first year.

Excellence Award funds cannot be applied to pursue joint programs with other academic institutions (for example, the joint UBC/BCIT Bachelor of Science program in Biotechnology or Dual Degree Program at Sciences Po and UBC).

First Choice: _____
Applied Science (Engineering), Arts, Management, Science

Second Choice: _____
Applied Science (Engineering), Arts, Management, Science

1.3 DECLARATION

I declare that all information provided by me in this nomination form is true and accurate, and that the essays and descriptions of extra-curricular/volunteer activities that I have submitted are my original work. I understand that UBC retains the right to verify this information. I agree that all documents submitted as part of this application are authentic and truthful. I state that I have not knowingly concealed any information which might affect the decision of the Awards Committee. **I acknowledge that providing any false or misleading information may result in the cancellation of this nomination or any award made; and may also be subject to the University's rules on academic conduct making me liable to disciplinary action.**

If I am a recipient of an award, I understand that by signing this declaration, I permit The University of British Columbia to: release to an award donor, University faculty and administrative staff my name, address, email address, telephone number, year and program of study; and release to the Vantage One Awards selection committee members the information provided in this nomination form; prepare a brief biographical profile to be used for award presentation ceremonies, publications and the internet; and prepare lists of award winners to be published or included in graduation ceremonies.

Signature of Nominee

Date

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The purpose of the following two sections is to give the Selection Committee a rounded picture of who you are as an individual and as a student. Please note that some questions in this section may be similar to questions in the online Application for Admission to UBC. If so, you may choose to use the same or similar answers or stories in both submissions, but you are encouraged to make use of the extra word count. Type in Times New Roman 11pt or Arial 10pt or write clearly in ink.

1.4 ESSAYS

1.4.1 YOUR STORY

- a. Please write on a topic that is of importance to you, and reflects who you are. *(Maximum 500 words)*
- b. Describe a significant recent experience or situation where your personal values or beliefs were challenged, and what you learned from the experience. *(Maximum 300 words)*

1.4.2 YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

How do you envision your chosen program of study at UBC helping you reach your long-term career and personal goals? What drives you to achieve your goals? *(Maximum 250 words)*

1.5 EXTRA-CURRICULAR/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Provide a **maximum of two pages** for 1.5.1 and 1.5.2 combined (extra pages will not be read):

- 1.5.1 Describe **up to five** of your most recent, significant extracurricular activities and/or community involvement, including:

- the name of the organization/school;
- the start and end dates (month and year) of the activity;
- number of hours per week;
- some specific details about the activity and your role in the activity.

You may use the same activities and descriptions as in the 'Personal Profile' section of your Admission Application.

- 1.5.2 Describe **up to five** significant awards or honours that you have recently received in high school that demonstrate your leadership skills, academic, artistic or sporting excellence, and/or contributions to your community. Provide:

- name of the award/honour;
- reason for the award;
- name of school/organization awarded by;
- date awarded (month and year).

- 1.5.3 Tell us which activity was the most meaningful and why. *(Maximum 200 words)*

*Include your **full name** and **UBC student number** at the top of each essay page.*

Print the pages single-sided – no double-sided printing.

Do not include CDs, DVDs, copies of certificates, newspaper articles, etc.

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SECTION 2: THE SCHOOL

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN INK OR TYPE

Name of Nominee

Family / Last Name

First / Given Name

Middle Name(s)

UBC Student Number

2.1 GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR/PRINCIPAL or ACADEMIC ADVISOR/DEPARTMENT HEAD'S NOMINATION

Title _____ First Name _____
(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr, etc)

Last Name _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Work Email _____

Date _____

School/Institution Name _____

School/Institution accredited by _____

School/Institution Website _____

School Mailing Address _____

Street Address

City

Province/State

Postal/Zip Code

Country

Telephone _____

Country Code

City Code

Number

I have known the Nominee for _____ years in my capacity as _____. I have served in this capacity for _____ years. The number of students in graduating class or current year of college study is _____. The Nominee will rank in the top _____ % of the senior secondary graduating class or in the current year of college study.

Please candidly answer the following questions in the space provided, or attach a **one-page reference letter on school letterhead** if the space is insufficient. If a letter is longer than one page, the additional pages will be discarded.

a) Comment on the Nominee's career goals and/or their overall sense of future direction, their self-confidence, initiative, independence, ability to adapt to change, leadership abilities and communication skills.

b) Provide information on the Nominee's involvement in extra-curricular, volunteer and community activities:

c) State why you believe the Nominee is academically prepared and emotionally ready to study at a large North American university:

DECLARATION:

I, _____ (nominator's name), certify that I have read the information provided by the Nominee and their parents or guardians on this form. To the best of my knowledge, the information and documentation provided is true, complete and accurate, and the essays represent the Nominee's original work.

Signature of Nominator

Date

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Name of Nominee

Family / Last Name

First / Given Name

Middle Name(s)

UBC Student Number

2.2 TEACHER'S/INSTRUCTOR'S ACADEMIC REFERENCE I

Title _____ First Name _____
(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr, etc)

Last Name _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Work Email _____

Date _____

School/Institution Name _____

School/Institution accredited by _____

School/Institution Website _____

School Mailing Address _____

Street Address

City

Province/State

Postal/Zip Code

Country

Telephone _____

Country Code

City Code

Number

Subject(s) Taught _____

Number of years I have been teaching _____ Number of students I have taught in my career _____

I have known the Nominee for _____ years. The Nominee is in the top _____ % of my teaching career.

Please candidly answer the following questions in the space provided or attach a **one-page reference letter on school letterhead** if the space is insufficient. If a letter is longer than one page, the additional pages will be discarded.

- a) Comment on the Nominee's academic performance including their motivation, capacity for intellectual and social leadership, independence, creativity, ability to take initiative, potential for success in a large North American university, and any extraordinary competence or talent that you have observed:

- b) Provide information on the Nominee's involvement in extra-curricular, volunteer and community activities:

Signature of Referee

Date

Please return this form to your school's nominating Guidance Counsellor or Academic Advisor.

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SECTION 3: NOMINEE'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3.1 INCOME AND EXPENSES

Present exchange rate of my country's currency to the Canadian dollar (CAD) _____ (To convert currencies visit www.xe.com/ucc)

Parent 1/Guardian name _____ Age _____

Parent 1/Guardian occupation _____ Employer _____

Parent 2/Guardian name _____ Age _____

Parent 2/Guardian occupation _____ Employer _____

Parents' marital status: Married ☐ Separated/divorced* ☐ Other _____ ☐

*If your parents are separated or divorced, your noncustodial parent must also submit a financial statement and their most recent tax return. Has either parent remarried? Custodial parent ☐ Noncustodial parent ☐ Both ☐

REPORT IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

SOURCES OF ANNUAL INCOME BEFORE TAXES	ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR 2016 (January – December 2016)
Parent 1's Gross Earnings	\$
Parent 2's Gross Earnings	\$
Pension	\$
Interest/Dividends/Annuity	\$
Rental income	\$
Income from family business	\$
Other (including income from other family members, investments, etc)	\$
TOTAL INCOME [A]:	\$ [A]

LIST OF FAMILY EXPENSES	ANTICIPATED EXPENSES FOR 2016
Rent or mortgage payments	\$
Food	\$
Utilities	\$
Clothing and household necessities	\$
Education	\$
Medical expenses	\$
Insurance (home/life/etc)	\$
Auto and/or other transportation costs	\$
Entertainment and vacations	\$
Taxes	\$
Other (Specify):	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES [B]:	\$ [B]
NET INCOME = [A] LESS [B]	\$

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3.2 FAMILY WEALTH/ASSETS: Please indicate your family's total wealth below including the value of assets such as property, buildings, investments (stocks, bonds), savings, pensions, etc. Please report in Canadian dollar equivalent.

ASSETS	PRESENT VALUE	AMOUNT OWED
Family home:		\$
Land and buildings (other than home)	\$	\$
Business	\$	\$
Cash/savings	\$	\$
Investments (stocks, bonds, etc)	\$	\$
Retirement savings	\$	\$
Other _____	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$

3.3 How many dependents, including yourself, are or will be in school or university/college during 2016-17 and the following four years? List details. Attach an additional page if needed.

	Nominee	Dependent 1	Dependent 2	Dependent 3
Name and age				
School/University/College Name, City, Country				
Grade/Form/Year Level				
Annual Cost of Attendance (2016/17)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Amount paid by family	\$	\$	\$	\$
Amount of scholarship provided by the school/university/college	\$	\$	\$	\$
Amount provided by other sources – loans, grants, other relatives, friends, etc. Explain.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Start and end dates for school/ university/ college academic year (mm/yy to mm/yy)				

How many persons, including the nominee, are dependent on the family's income? ____ What is their relationship to you? (father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, etc.) _____

3.4 Describe any special circumstances that you think UBC should take into account when assessing your level of financial need and the amount of support your family can provide (attach a separate page if space is insufficient) _____

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3.5 ESTIMATE OF COSTS

Vancouver Campus – Approximate Educational Costs (CAD) for 2017 (Year 1, September 2017 – July 2018)

Estimated Costs	
Tuition costs*	\$43,645
On campus accommodation and meal plan**	\$12,900 - \$13,800*
Student fees and transportation	\$1,235
Extended health coverage and insurance	\$1,000
Personal Expenses***	\$3,800
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$62,580 - \$63,480

* All fees are approved by the Board of Governors following consultation with students and are subject to change.

**Based on 2016-17 costs for a shared or single room and regular meal plan for Vantage College. Residence and meal plan costs will vary based on individual preference.

*** Personal expenses can vary depending on your lifestyle and spending habits.

Approximate Educational Costs (CAD) for 2018 winter session (Year 2 onwards, September – April)

Faculty/School	Applied Science (Engineering) (Vancouver or Okanagan)	Arts (Vancouver)	Science (Vancouver)	Management (Okanagan)
Degree	BASc	BA	BSc	BMgmt
Credits (2 nd year full course-load)	38	30	30	31
Tuition Fees per credit*	\$1,270.37	\$1,219.61	\$1,256.33	\$1,225.69
Tuition Fees	\$48,275	\$36,590	\$37,690	\$38,000
Student Fees**	\$1,140	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$990
Text books & supplies, estimated	\$2,200	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$1,700
Estimated Living Costs ⁺	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$49,000 - \$52,520	\$42,460	\$41,760	\$42,050

*International student tuition fees are set by UBC's Board of Governors, and are subject to an annual review. All tuition fees shown are for the 2018-2019 session, and will be higher for subsequent sessions.

**Student fees include undergraduate society fees, extended health/dental insurance, and U-Pass (local transit pass), based on 2016 costs.

+ Estimated living costs include MSP (BC health insurance), room and board, personal expenses, annual round-trip airfare

Award amounts for Years 2+ will be reduced, as the estimated program costs are less than the program cost of Vantage One.

Costs NOT included in financial-need estimate

Some costs are not included in the calculation of financial need for the Excellence Award. However, these are costs that you and your family need to consider when planning your budget for study in Canada. They include:

- your travel costs to Canada the first time;
- fees for a Canadian Study Permit (visa);
- any medical clearances (examination or certificate fees) that may be required by Canadian immigration;
- cost of living while staying in Canada during the summer months instead of returning home;
- registration fee for the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) test, if you are required to take it.

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3.6 SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Indicate below the expected amount of annual support for each year of your degree program toward your educational costs from all sources. Do NOT list other awards or scholarships from UBC. UBC scholarships cannot be combined; only one UBC scholarship or award can be held at any one time.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT	SUPPORT FOR 2017-2018 (\$ CAD)	SUPPORT FOR FUTURE YEARS		
		Projected support 2018-2019 (CAD)	Projected support 2019-2020 (CAD)	Projected support 2020-2021 (CAD)
Family savings or earnings	\$	\$	\$	\$
Family income from investments, rental property, etc.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan or grant from government or agency	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other (funding from relatives, friends, scholarship, etc. Specify)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total sources of support	\$	\$	\$	\$

Carry this amount ↑
forward to section 3.8

3.6.1 Do you have a source of emergency funds once you arrive in Canada? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If **YES**, name source _____ Amount available \$ _____ CAD

3.7 DOCUMENTATION OF INCOME AND ASSETS

Please provide **two** of the following types of documentation to verify your family income and assets as listed in **Section 3.1**. Such documentation should include the name of the bank or agency or employer, with official stamps and signatures, and date. Please indicate the type of documentation you are sending:

- ☐ Most recent Income Tax return(s) of parent(s)
- ☐ Statement of annual salary from parent(s)' employer(s)
- ☐ If a US citizen applying from the US, a copy of your FAFSA report is required
- ☐ Statement/letter from a bank or other financial institution listing all accounts (current, chequing, investment account, etc.) and account balances

If the documents are not in English or French, an English translation is required.

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3.8 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

To determine your level of financial need, UBC will look at the costs of your program as estimated in **Section 3.5** in relation to the contribution you and your family can make towards these costs (estimated in **Section 3.6**). Please calculate your net total financial need below:

Costs of your program as estimated in Section 3.5	\$ _____ 62,580 CAD
Minus total support available as estimated in Section 3.6	– \$ _____ CAD
Total amount of financial assistance needed for 2017-2018	\$ _____ CAD

NOMINEE

I, _____ (Nominee's name) hereby declare that I am not able to pursue post-secondary studies at UBC without receiving the level of financial assistance indicated above. I further certify that the statements given by me in this form are true, complete and accurate. Documentation has been attached to support my claim.

Signature of Nominee

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, _____ (parent or guardian name), certify that I have read the information provided by the Nominee on this form, that to the best of my knowledge, it is a true, complete and accurate statement. I further certify that the funds that I have identified as assured and projected are available and will be provided as indicated. **I understand that providing any false or misleading information may be result in the cancellation of this nomination or any scholarship made.** I have attached documentation to support my claim.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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