Welcome to a new academic term! We are looking forward to another exciting and productive year at the School. In this newsletter we provide updated information about our staff and our core full-time faculty as the School is growing and the number students continues to increase. Also look out for information about our Fall Open House!

The School of Health Information Science will commemorate “Orange Shirt Day” on September 29th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be on September 30th. "Orange Shirt Day" is a federal statutory holiday that honours former residential school students and their families. Events will be taking place on campus to honour this important day.

- Dr. Andre Kushniruk, Director and Professor of the School of Health Information Science
Welcome to Katie Rowe who will be filling-in as the Co-op Assistant working with Jason Bond. Katie has several years of experience in post secondary as an Enrolment Services Advisor and Alumni Coordinator for a large portfolio of students at UBC, and worked for several years prior to that as an Admissions Assistant for the Faculty of Law at UVic. She holds a BA in Geography and ES from UVic.

Welcome to Alana Duthie who will be filling-in as the Administrative Assistant working with the HINF Faculty. Alana holds a BA in Professional Communication from Royal Roads University and has several years experience working in organizational culture, management, and community engagement in non-profit and corporate organizations.

Welcome to Seper Rohani who will be filling-in as the Marketing and Social Media Assistant working with Elizabeth Borycki. Seper has a passion for project management and design. Spending his free time developing websites.
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Hiring a Health Information Science Student for Co-op

Ready to hire a Health Information Science co-op student? The hiring process is simple. Students are skilled, enthusiastic, and ready to work for organizations like yours!

Contact the Health Information Science Co-op office hiscoop@uvic.ca if you are interested in learning more about hiring!
Co-op Funding Opportunities

Co-op Funding Update: BioTalent

The Federal government’s Student Work Placement Program (SWPP) provides up to 50% of the student’s wages (to a maximum of $5,000) or 70% (to a maximum of $7,000) for students from underrepresented groups which includes female STEM students, first year students, indigenous students, student with a disability, visible minorities and newcomers to Canada.

SWPP has 12 funding partners who deliver the funding across Canada based on industry sector. Each funding partner has different application processes and there are some slight differences in criteria.

Consider applying to BioTalent Canada

Employers, uncertain if your job qualifies? Contact Colleen at 1-866-243-2472, ext. 218 or askme@biotalent.ca

You have to apply for the funding before the student starts their job.

Multiple grants are possible eg. Hire two students and receive two grants.

Student eligibility: This Federal program is only available to students who are Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents or students who have refugee status. International students are not eligible for this funding.

Employers have told us that the application process takes 15-20 minutes to complete. Grants are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis so you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Should you not find a suitable student for your position, simply inform the funding partner that you do not need the grant.
Find a study space on campus HERE

Want to take your assignment or class project to the next level? Use the resources available through the Centre for Academic Communication and the UVic Libraries Digital Scholarship Commons.

Numbers not adding up? Check out the Math and Stats Assistance Centre (MSAC) for drop-in tutoring.

The Student Wellness Centre provides holistic care to support students’ wellbeing. Visit the Student Wellness Centre online or drop by the new Health and Wellness (HWB) Building.

Counselling appointments and Support Connect are available for mental health support throughout your academic journey. It is common to feel overwhelmed or stressed and very important to seek professional support to get the most out of your university experience.

The Office of Student Life is a great resource for student clubs & activities, student conduct and student initiatives such as student mental health, sexualized violence prevention & awareness, bystander intervention, pride week and much more.
Get personalized help with your research from Jessica Mussell the Health Information Science librarian by email at jmussell@uvic.ca.

- Your emotional, physical and spiritual well-being are extremely important and resources are available for you.
- We are excited to welcome students from around the world. The International Centre for Students provides international student services, advising and programs.
- Student Awards and Financial Aid – is your resource for scholarships, awards, bursaries, work study opportunities, loans, grants and much more.
- The Computer Help Desk is your primary point of contact for computing service and support.
- Be sure to check out the Academic Important Dates for tuition deadlines, drop deadlines and academic holidays

Model Program Plan for Undergraduate Students

HINF undergraduate students! Check the model program to make sure you are on track!

- BSc - Health Information Science
- BSc - Combined Major Computer Science and Health Information Science

Educational Program Deadlines

Undergraduate Degree Admission

- BSc in Health Information Science
- BSc in Health Information Science and Computer Science

Apply by January 31st 2024 for September 2024 entry
Read more and Apply Now
Health Terminology Standards Graduate Certificate

Apply by November 1, 2023 for January 2024 entry, and June 1st, 2024 for September 2024 entry
Read more and Apply Now

Graduate Degree Admission

- MSc in Health Informatics
- Master of Nursing and MSc in Health Informatics
- PhD in Health Informatics

Apply by December 1st 2023 for September 2024 entry
Read more and Apply Now

or contact his@uvic.ca for application information

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Denis and Pat Protti Bursary

In 2004, a group of generous donors came together to honour Denis and Pat Protti’s contributions to the Canadian healthcare system.
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Scholarship and Awards

Apply Now!

If you require financial aid, consider applying for the Health Information Science undergraduate and graduate awards and scholarships.
Are you enjoying this newsletter?

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We acknowledge and respect the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱ SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.