



UVic Bound: Working in Canada as an International Student





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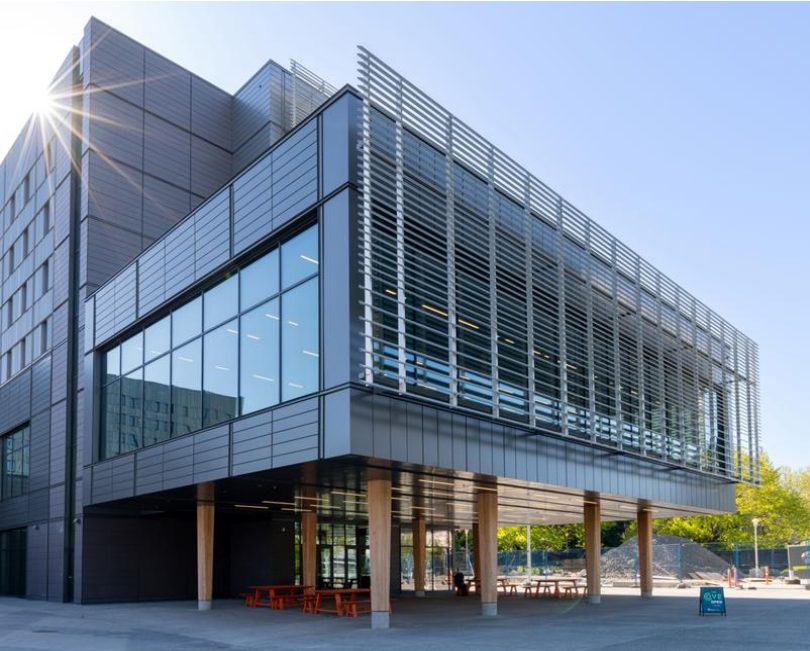


We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Xwsep̓səm/Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.





Agenda



- Immigration Essentials
- Job Search Process Overview
- Career Resources at UVic
- Q & A with Student Panel





Session takeaways:



- An understanding on required immigration documents and conditions for working in Canada
- Understanding the job search process in the Canadian context
- Resources for finding employment
- Career tips/advice from international student panelists





Disclaimer



- Immigration policies may change without notice. Immigration information we provide in the session is current as we speak.
- Always refer to the [IRCC website](#) for most up-to-date information.



What Do I Need to Work in Canada

Working while studying in Canada:

- Study Permit Work Authorization Privilege
- Other open work permits

Work Permit exemptions:

- Working from outside Canada or working for an overseas company outside Canada remotely.
- Some volunteer positions in Canada. (note: definition of “work” is not solely based on compensations)



Your study permit may allow you to work while studying in Canada if you meet all the following conditions:

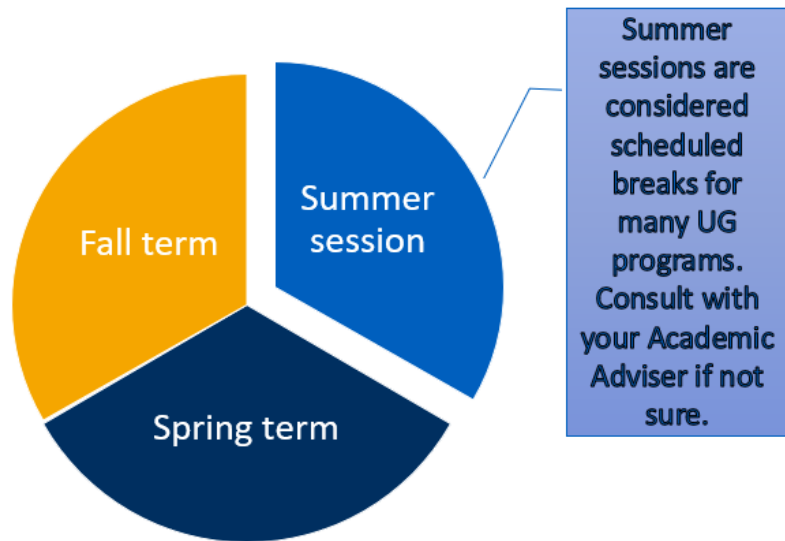
- You have started your program and are registered in **full-time** studies during regular academic sessions
- Your study permit has clear employment remarks stating your work eligibility
- You have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)



Working on and off campus



Full-time Definition for UG Students



- Minimum 6 units in a 4-month term
- Minimum 12 units in fall term and spring term combined (Winter session)
- Enrolled in a 4-month Co-op term





Sample Study Permit

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED / PROTÉGÉ LORSQU'IL EST REMPLI

CANADA

EB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Application/Tamande: [REDACTED]

UCI/IUC: [REDACTED]

STUDY PERMIT/PERMIS D'ÉTUDES

CLIENT INFORMATION/INFORMATION DU CLIENT

Family Name/Nom de famille: [REDACTED]

Given Name(s)/Prénom(s): [REDACTED]

Date of Birth/Date de naissance: [REDACTED]

Sex/Sexe: [REDACTED] (FEMALE)

Country of Birth/Pays de naissance: [REDACTED]

Country of Citizenship/Citoyen de: [REDACTED]

Travel Doc No./N° du document de voyage: [REDACTED] PASSPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Date Issued/Délivré le: 2025/01/15 (2025/01/15 - 2025/01/15)

Expiry Date/Date d'expiration: 2029/04/30 (2029/04/30 - 2029/04/30)

Case Type/Type de cas: 30 (2025/01/15 - 2029/04/30)

Institution Name/Nom de l'institution: UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Field of Study/Domaine d'études: SCIENCE, APPLIED

Level of Study/Niveau d'étude: UNIVERSITY - MASTER'S DEG. / UNIVERSITÉ - MAÎTRISE

In Force From/En vigueur le: 2025/01/15 (2025/01/15 - 2029/04/30)

Conditions:

1. NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BUSINESSES RELATED TO THE SEX TRADE SUCH AS STRIP CLUBS, MASSAGE PARLOURS OR ESCORT SERVICES.

Remarks/Observations:

MAY WORK 20 HOURS/SEMAINE OFF CAMPUS OR FULL TIME DURING REGULAR BREAKS IF R186(V) CONDITIONS ARE MET. PEUT TRAVAILLER 20 HEURES/SEMAINE HORS CAMPUS OU À TEMPS PLEIN PENDANT LES BAISSES RÉGULIÈRES SI LES CONDITIONS AU R186(V) SONT SATISFAITES.

THIS DOES NOT AUTHORIZE RE-ENTRY/CECI N'AUTORISE PAS LA RE-ENTRÉE

THIS FORM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA - LE PRÉSENT DOCUMENT EST LA PROPRÉTÉ DU GOUVERNEMENT DU CANADA

FORM 1424S (1-2019)

Canada

Your study permit should have UVic named as your institution before you start your study in September unless you meet exemptions in place



Allowable working hours

- Up to 24 hours per week off campus during regular academic sessions
- Unlimited hours on-campus during regular terms

Regular terms (Fall terms and Spring terms or summer sessions if you are required to register in summer sessions)

Scheduled breaks in-between 2 full-time terms

- Unlimited hours on- and off-campus during scheduled breaks



IRCC website - [work while studying](#)



If your program includes a work component...

As of April 1, 2026, as a post-secondary international student, you don't need a co-op work permit for student work placements, such as co-ops or internships.

To undertake a student work placement your study permit **must include on-campus work authorization remarks** when it is issued

If your course requires experiential learning

- Contact ICS to assess your co-op/internship work permit requirement. Your instructors do not have the licensing or training to assess your need for a student work permit for experiential learning.

Overview of job search process in Canada



Free career resources for UVic students and alumni

Upcoming events and workshops

- Visit Career Services [Events](#) page
- Hiring Fairs, Employer Information Sessions, Career workshops

One-on-one career coaching and free online career resources

- Prebooked 30-minute meetings with a career educator
- Drop-in quick consultation in the library room 135G
- Online resources and self-paced career course

[Career Services Website](#)

UVic learning in motion portal

[Free career events](#) and job boards

UVic Bound Student Leaders Panel and Q&A

- Avni
- Faith
- Mateo
- Om
- Phebe





Upcoming sessions



- Join us on August 12 at 9:00 AM (PDT) for our Destination Victoria: Pre-departure Prep session
- Join us on August 19 at 6:00 PM (PDT) for our final Send-off Social event
- Our last Off the Syllabus Student Leader Drop-in: The week of August 17th TBD (PDT)



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UVic Bound Microsoft Teams



- You've been added into our UVic Bound 2026 Teams!
- Must be registered for classes to have an UVic Microsoft 365 account
- Post a self introduction of yourself!
- Meet other students and engage in conversation!



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In-person Meet and Greet



- In-person Meet and Greet
 - Tuesday September 1st 2:30pm-4:00pm



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International Student Orientation Programs



- August 24 to August 28
 - Online programming
- August 31 to September 11
 - In-person programming



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International Student Welcome



- Thursday, September 3
- Full day of in-person programming designed for you!



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Conversation Partners and Mentorship Program



- Get matched with a student volunteer in September
- Practice conversational English and build confidence
- Explore intercultural connections, make new friends, and receive support as you navigate transition to UVic

- **Applications are open now!**



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Thank you!

