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# bridging

public health, engineering & policy research

The Bridge Program is a graduate fellowship program housed at the University of British Columbia in scenic Vancouver. It is funded by the **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** and the **Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research**.

### Structure

The Bridge Program is a fellowship-funding program that brings together graduate students, post-docs, and practitioners to address public, environmental and occupational health issues.

It supports research trainees in 8 participating units in UBC's Faculties of Medicine, Graduate Studies, and Applied Science. Students applying to the Bridge Program also apply to a graduate degree program associated with one of the 8 units. The units span the health, engineering, and policy realms, and they have a history of interdisciplinarity. The Bridge Program is promoting a new dimension of research cooperation.

### The Program has

- Over 30 UBC mentors
- Connections to institutions across Canada, in North America, Central America, Europe, and Asia.

### Scholarships

The Bridge Program provides fellowships to masters and doctoral students primarily in the first year of their graduate program. For incoming graduate students already holding other awards, the Bridge Program may provide top-up funds. Post-doctoral fellows who already have base fellowship funding may receive supplementary stipends to participate in the Bridge Program. Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows are allocated a small travel and research stipend.

We welcome professionals and policy makers from the public and private sectors for 1-year sabbaticals at UBC and offer a small stipend to support their participation.

### Academic Program

Courses provide a structured forum for presenting and discussing research initiatives at all stages: design, execution, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination. Teams of Bridge Fellows design fully developed operating grant proposals for submission to national, regional or international peer-review granting agencies. Bridge masters and doctoral fellows also complete internships at sites outside of UBC.

**Fellow Jennifer Hinton:** "Bridge has given me valuable insight into the linkages between the decisions of policy makers, the environment, and human health. I recommend Bridge to researchers and practitioners who recognize that having a solid understanding of the relationship between the "parts of the whole" is critical to effectively mitigating the human health challenges facing society."

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**Our mission** is to link public health, engineering, and policy research to develop creative, evidence-based prevention measures for public, environmental and occupational health problems.

A pioneering, scholarship-funding and research training program at the University of British Columbia.

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- Dept. of Civil Engineering
- Dept. of Health Care and Epidemiology
- Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
- Dept. of Mining Engineering
- Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability
- School of Environmental Health
- UBC Centre for Disease Control

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