When we first opened our doors in 1965, we were pushing the boundaries of education with a non-traditional Professional Development Program (PDP). More than 50 years later, we continue to be a progressive force to the improvement of teaching and the learning experience.

Throughout, we’ve also taken a community-first approach in all that we do – both locally and abroad. Partnerships with school districts, administrators and governments all over the globe facilitate knowledge sharing and unique programs for teachers in training, such as our International Teacher Education Model (ITEM) in India or Mexico.

Top comprehensive university in Canada
(MACLEAN’S UNIVERSITY RANKINGS, 2016)

50 PROGRAMS OF STUDY
Programs are responsive to community needs and change, but generally fall under these areas of study:

- Arts education
- Counselling psychology
- Curriculum and instruction
- Equity studies in education
- Educational leadership
- Educational psychology
- Educational technology and learning design
- Languages and societies
- Mathematics education
- Programmes en langue française

RESEARCH & FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Rina Zazkis, was named the Canada Research Chair in STEM Teaching and Learning. STEM is an acronym representing science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The chair’s mandate is to help bridge the gap between mathematics taught at the undergraduate level and high schools across Canada.

- Through the Maple Ridge Environmental School, Dr. Mark Fettes examines how place-based education helps connect learning to the environment. The school uses provincial curriculum but offers other ways of engagement. Through partnerships with local First Nations, students study Indigenous traditions related to plants, animals, and the ecosystems of forests and watersheds in Maple Ridge.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS (2015/16)

2,131 TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS
1,425 UNDERGRADUATE + 458 MASTER’S + 248 PhD

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Master’s Program in Contemplative Inquiry in Canada

Master’s Program in Arts for Social Change in Canada

Starting Fall 2017

GDE in Indigenous Education: Education for Reconciliation

About Our Faculty (2015/16)

68 Total number of faculty members
2 Canada research chairs

Faculty Highlights

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More than 40,000 Alumni

Presence in 49 countries through research partnerships, alumni and community reach