Simon Fraser University was founded in 1965 with a distinct Canadian west coast spirit. SFU challenges conventions, celebrates new ideas, and embraces unconventional partnerships.

SFU’s students, faculty, staff and alumni come from around the world, and help inform our local and global perspectives. This diversity ensures relevant approaches to learning in the 21st century. Our students receive a world-class education that has lifelong value.
ENGAGED

SFU’s strategic vision is to be Canada’s “engaged university.”

To achieve our vision, we integrate innovative education with trailblazing research and far-reaching community engagement.

• Engagement is part of everything we do. It establishes a strong foundation for developing innovative educational opportunities, such as experiential learning, as well as for informing research programs and developing robust community and research partnerships.

• We engage with communities, organizations and partners using our institutional strengths—from our internationally recognized student co-op program, to our cutting-edge researchers, to some of the world’s best facilities in computing science, materials science, and clean energy.

• Our commitment to engagement informs how we disseminate knowledge, and how we contribute to citizenship in local communities across Canada and around the world.

Through engagement and innovation, we are educating students who are ready for a world of change.
SFU BY THE NUMBERS

With an enduring reputation as Canada’s best comprehensive university, we challenge conventions, celebrate new ideas and embrace unconventional partnerships.

Situated in Metro Vancouver, we house

3 campuses 8 faculties 84 research institutes and centres

And the pan-Canadian Compute Canada data centre site that hosts Cedar – one of the top 100 most powerful academic supercomputers in the world

But that’s not all. Our international reach extends to

252 international institutional partnerships, in 70+ countries

Our students, staff and faculty, many hailing from around the world, help to inform our local and global perspectives.

30,000 undergraduate students 5700 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

1000 faculty members 20% international students
We are renowned for delivering academic and research excellence.

**Ranked #1 Canadian comprehensive university**
*Maclean’s University Rankings*

**Ranked in the top 1% worldwide**
*QS World University Rankings*

We are a leader in research impact.

**$139 M**
Research funding quadrupled over the last 15 years

**2nd in Canada**
Faculty Research Impact: *QS World University Rankings*

We are changemakers and innovators.

**1st Ashoka U Changemaker**
designated campus in British Columbia

**Among world’s top 55 technology challengers**
*Times Higher Education*

And our commitment to experiential learning led us to develop one of Canada’s strongest co-op programs.

**9500** students in co-op education

**2300** organizations recruiting co-op students locally and globally
OUR CAMPUSSES

SFU’s three vibrant campuses foster a culture of inclusion and celebrate the diverse and multi-ethnic character of our students, staff, faculty and communities.
Through eight faculties located across three campuses in Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, SFU students have unparalleled academic, civic and volunteer opportunities, both on campus, and in the community.

Our original **Burnaby campus**, perched atop Burnaby Mountain, evokes a powerful sense of place. Its architectural design encourages interdisciplinary collaboration between students and researchers.

Our **Vancouver campus**, comprised of nine facilities, is the city’s largest downtown university presence. It is recognized as a cornerstone of civic engagement, and hosts diverse public seminars and arts performances throughout the year.

Our **Surrey campus** has become the catalyst for developing a new city centre in Surrey, the second-largest city in British Columbia. This campus houses Innovation Boulevard, a partnership between SFU, the City of Surrey, and the Fraser Health Authority that is collaborating to rapidly commercialize intelligent health technology solutions.
OUR FACULTIES

At SFU we integrate academic intensity with flexibility, giving our students the knowledge, skills and experiences to thrive in an ever-changing and challenging world.
**Applied Sciences** – shaping tomorrow’s technology leaders in computing science and engineering. Research areas include biomedical engineering, sustainable energy, mechatronics, natural language processing, network systems, computer imaging and medical computing.

**Arts and Social Sciences** – developing engaged citizens primed to be involved in, and to shape, their communities. Home to a range of highly ranked programs across 16 departments and schools, as well as a language institute.

**Beedie School of Business** – championing collaboration between faculty, researchers and business and community partners. Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and recognized with an EQUIS Quality award from the European Federation for Management Development (EFMD).

**Communication, Art and Technology** – schools and programs advancing the practice and scholarly study of the intersection of culture and technology, precisely where some of the most important and exciting developments are to be found.

**Education** – improving the practice of teaching, and the process of learning. Committed to advancing knowledge and dedicated to research and scholarly inquiry. Through our international initiatives, students gain valuable academic and cultural insights, knowledge and skills for success in the global community.

**Environment** – one of only a handful of interdisciplinary environmental faculties in Canada – and the only one in Western Canada focused on sustainability and sustainable development.

**Health Sciences** – one of Canada’s most comprehensive and integrated health sciences programs. Researchers and students from a broad spectrum of disciplines work together to study health and disease.

**Science** – eight departments investigating the wonders of the natural world, from infinitesimal subatomic particles to the infinite universe – and everything in between.
ENGAGING STUDENTS
SFU cultivates supportive learning environments, combining the best traditions of academic and teaching excellence.

Our academic mission incorporates intellectual growth, individual exploration, interdisciplinary education and experiential learning.

We have one of Canada’s strongest co-op education programs, which has placed students in local and international internships at organizations like Tesla and Facebook.

Students can access academic and research opportunities through more than 252 institutional partnerships in over 70 countries around the world.

We stimulate an entrepreneurial spirit in students in all faculties, then foster their ideas and inventions through mentorship and practical experience.
ENGAGING RESEARCH
SFU is academically rigorous and internationally renowned for scholarship and research excellence.

We have leveraged our fundamental and applied research strengths to become a global leader in research mobilization.

SFU ranks among Canada’s top 15 research universities. *Times Higher Education* ranked us among the world’s top 55 tech challenger universities because of our innovation and strong industry links.

SFU’s outstanding research infrastructure supports researchers and trainees across the university.
ENGAGING COMMUNITIES
Community engagement is a core component of everything we do.

SFU nurtures and extends its community connections as an integral part of its academic and research mission.

Our faculty, researchers and students collaborate with government, business and community partners at home and around the world to incubate and accelerate transformative discoveries for positive social and economic impact.

SFU is B.C.’s public square for dialogue on key public issues – a leading institution to which the community looks for education, discussion and solutions. With these same partners, SFU brings together locals and newcomers to Canada through education, policy, dialogues, volunteer service and cultural events.
Partnering with Indigenous Peoples.

With all three SFU campuses located on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, the university has a rich history of community engagement with B.C.’s First Nations.

In 2007, SFU established its first Aboriginal Strategic Plan, which strives to create a supportive academic and community environment for Aboriginal peoples while also recognizing their values and traditions.

SFU is home to a Department of First Nations Studies, an Indigenous Student Centre, an Indigenous Research Institute, and the Office for Aboriginal Peoples.

SFU’s Beedie School of Business is home to Canada’s first accredited EMBA for established Indigenous leaders, entrepreneurs and others working with Indigenous communities. Beedie also established the RBC First Peoples Enterprise Accelerator Program, a 10-year collaboration to support entrepreneurism in Aboriginal communities.

An ambitious seven-year project led by SFU’s First Nations Language Centre is working to maintain and revitalize some of B.C.’s Indigenous languages.

The Bill Reid Centre’s digital image collection documents the resilience, creativity and vibrancy of Northwest Coast First Nations, and promotes public understanding and respect for Northwest Coast First Nations, past and present.
Engaging the World.

Our students and alumni understand the critical importance of interacting with the world around them. The pursuit of knowledge, understanding and engagement to address global challenges is core to our vision.

Our faculty and students conduct research and learn alongside colleagues from around the world. We have one of the highest percentages of international students of any university in Canada.

Our global partnerships for research, studying abroad, academic collaborations and development activities ensure our students and faculty are active global citizens. SFU has three decades of experience implementing international development projects. Our Study Abroad programs range from dual degree programs to exchanges, work abroad opportunities and field schools.

SFU offers international experiences at home and abroad, including:

- international co-op placements offered through Canada’s most extensive co-op program;
- the Americas MBA, the first of its kind covering Brazil, Canada, Mexico and the United States of America;
- a dual degree program in computing science with Zhejiang University in China;
- participation in the National Collegiate Athletics Association of the United States of America (SFU is the first international member of the NCAA);
- volunteer opportunities with SFU’s Refugee and Newcomer Program;
- research collaborations and exchanges with the India Institutes of Technology.

Our alumni networks are thriving across the globe, with more than 150,000 alumni in over 140 countries. SFU’s largest concentration of alumni outside of Canada is in Hong Kong.