With vibrant campuses in British Columbia’s three largest cities—Burnaby, Surrey and Vancouver—SFU is not just shaping minds, we are also shaping communities.
SFU acknowledges the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), səlilwətaɁ (Tsleil-Waututh), qíčəy (Katzie), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen peoples on whose traditional territories our three campuses reside.

SFU VANCOUVER
Opened in 1989 to foster connections with the business community and meet the educational demands of working professionals, the Vancouver campus encompasses nine sites that include a multi-venue arts and culture space, a centre for dialogue and our graduate school of business.

SFU BURNABY
Established in 1965 on Burnaby Mountain, this campus houses the majority of our world-class academic and research infrastructure.
We equip our students with the knowledge, skills and experiences that prepare them for life in an ever-changing and challenging world. Consistently ranked among Canada’s top research-intensive universities, SFU is globally recognized for excellence in research, knowledge mobilization and innovation. We forge lasting partnerships to enhance the social, economic and cultural well-being of the communities we serve. And with more than 180,000 alumni around the world, our work and impact can be seen in all corners of the globe.
Earth Sciences students discovering the geophysical world in the field in Merritt, British Columbia.
I often get asked about my favourite part of being the president of Simon Fraser University, and I have a different answer every time because there are so many to choose from. In these pages, you’ll see some of those favourites—an overview of our diverse and vibrant campuses and the impact that SFU is having on the world.

But there are aspects of our community that are harder to capture on paper. From the passion and creativity of our students, faculty and staff, to the kindness that I see exhibited by community members every day, to the beauty of watching the sun rise from our Burnaby Mountain campus—SFU is everything you see here, and so much more. I hope you will visit us in person one day so you can see it all for yourself, but until then, I am excited to share SFU’s work and priorities with you. Welcome to SFU!

Joy Johnson
President and Vice- Chancellor

Joy is committed to carrying out SFU’s vision to be a leading research university, advancing an inclusive and sustainable future. Before her appointment as president, Joy served as vice-president, research and international, during which time SFU had the fastest-growing research income of any university in Canada. Prior to joining SFU, Joy had distinguished careers in academics and research with the University of British Columbia and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Tamara Vrooman
Chancellor

A visionary leader with deep experience in the public and private spheres, Tamara is devoted to addressing issues of economic inequality, environmental sustainability and justice for Indigenous peoples. Tamara is president and CEO of the Vancouver Airport Authority and was previously president and CEO of Vancity, Canada’s largest community credit union. She has also served as B.C.’s deputy minister of finance.
We are living through a critical time in history, and SFU is ready to meet this moment in a way that only we can. Our university strategy sets the course for where we are going and how we are going to get there.

OUR VISION

We are a leading research university, advancing an inclusive and sustainable future.

OUR PURPOSE

We create and connect knowledge, learning and community for deeper understanding and meaningful impact.

OUR PRIORITIES

1. Uphold Truth and Reconciliation
2. Engage in Global Challenges
3. Make a Difference for B.C.
4. Transform the SFU Experience
Our faculty members fuel research discoveries, drive social innovations and create solutions that contribute to a more innovative, inclusive and sustainable economy in British Columbia and around the world. With SFU’s innovation ecosystem, our faculty are engaging with communities, researchers and partners to create a positive social, economic and environmental impact.

As leaders in areas including public health, climate action, quantum computing, food security and sustainable engineering, our faculty hold many of Canada’s highest research honours, such as Royal Society of Canada fellowships and college members, Canada 150 Research Chairs, Canada Excellence Research Chairs and 3M National Teaching fellowships. Their scholarship and innovations are helping to transform the world through partnerships and consultancy with numerous universities, networks and global organizations such as the United Nations.
SFU welcomed three Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERCs) in November 2023, cementing our place as one of Canada’s fastest-growing research universities and furthering our commitment to advancing an inclusive and sustainable future for all.

**NICHOLAS REO**
CERC in Coastal Relationalities and Regeneration
Reo’s CERC research project in coastal relationalities and regeneration will support Indigenous land and sea-tenure systems, land-based healing practices, foodways and associated knowledge. This multi-site CERC will amplify Indigenous leadership in coastal tenure and contribute research relevant to Indigenous collective continuance and land repossession.

**THOMAS JENNEWEIN**
CERC in Global Quantum Internet Systems
Building on SFU’s leadership in quantum computing, and aligned with Canada’s Quantum Strategy, Jennewein will engage with British Columbia’s active quantum research and commercial community, including the SFU-based Quantum Algorithms Institute. Using SFU’s influential Invention to Innovation (i2I) program to accelerate the commercial impacts of these emerging technologies, the goal is to establish long-distance quantum communications and entanglement distribution, with the potential to reach users around the world. The proposed research will create transformative benefits for Canadians and establish Canada’s global leadership in the quantum race.

**DARREN GRANT**
CERC in Astroparticle Physics
Grant’s CERC supports innovation in the areas of data analyses of Antarctica’s IceCube Neutrino Observatory, the development of next generation detectors for large-scale neutrino observatories and enhancing the reach of observations that involve multiple astrophysical messengers. This work will provide the catalyst to establish an international centre in British Columbia and have substantial impact on the international particle physics arena, solidifying Canada’s leadership in the field of multi-messenger neutrino astrophysics.
SFU is distinguished by the extraordinary variety of educational and learning opportunities we offer our students, both on campus and in the community. With eight faculties and more than 500 programs, we offer a flexible, interdisciplinary education that encourages students to explore their interests, connects them with experts in their fields and helps them graduate with the skills they need to fulfill their potential. And we support students every step of the way—with academic and financial planning, mental health supports, career and volunteer opportunities and more.

We believe professional experience enriches our students’ education and prepares them for the future. Our co-op education program—one of Canada’s largest—allows our students to build hands-on experience throughout their educational journey.

We foster an entrepreneurial spirit and offer an interdisciplinary ecosystem that supports every stage of the innovation journey, from community and industry partnerships, to ideation, mentorship and ventures that scale.
HERE TO CONNECT

Our students are members of a diverse, dynamic and welcoming community. Every day, they have new opportunities to engage with people, ideas and activities that contribute to personal development and a better world. At SFU, we create a powerful sense of community and belonging on campus, supporting students through their entire university experience—from Welcome Day to graduation and beyond.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

SFU is committed to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive community where all feel welcome, safe, accepted and appreciated in learning, teaching, research and work. Led by Yabome Gilpin-Jackson, SFU’s inaugural Vice-President People, Equity and Inclusion, we are taking concrete steps towards creating a campus environment where all can thrive.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Our diverse SFU residence community is home to thousands of students who enjoy a close-knit community that encourages academic success, self-discovery and exploration.

The May 2023 opening of the Courtyard Residence marks the completion of Phase 2 of SFU’s five-phase Residence and Housing Masterplan, which will see the continued expansion of the Burnaby campus to accommodate up to 3,250 students—about 10% of the student population—by 2035.
SFU is set apart by our commitment to engage and support the communities we serve. Students, faculty and staff are building community through initiatives and projects in British Columbia and around the world that help secure our economy, protect our environment and create a more equitable and inclusive future for all.
MORRIS J. WOSK CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE
The only known facility in North America purpose-built for convening dialogue, where dialogue practitioners and associates create space for meaningful conversations with local and international audiences.

SFU WOODWARD’S CULTURAL PROGRAMS
This group develops and delivers unique cultural and public initiatives that promote creative community and cultural partnerships in downtown Vancouver, presenting over 200 events yearly.

ACT - ACTION ON CLIMATE TEAM
North America’s only university-based think tank dedicated to climate-change adaptation, this team brings together global experts from industry, community and government to explore climate issues and identify sustainable solutions.

SFU SURREY-TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTRE
This centre in downtown Surrey collaborates with local people, businesses and organizations to share resources, create new ideas, resolve problems and build a more resilient community.

SFU PUBLIC SQUARE
SFU Public Square is the go-to convener of community conversations on key public issues. It assembles the hearts, minds and talents of diverse communities to promote inclusive, intelligent and inspiring discourse.

VANCITY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
From their downtown Vancouver base, this office engages 16,000+ people yearly in programs that support knowledge democracy, cultural and community education and community research and partnerships.

SFU INTERNATIONAL
As the hub for global relationships, knowledge and resources, SFU international builds deep partnerships, impactful projects and programs, and engages with organizations across the globe to advance the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

A COMMUNITY OF CHANGE-MAKERS
SFU faculty, students and staff are helping to shape a better future for British Columbia and Canada through innovative partnerships, initiatives and research that improve public health, fight climate change, promote democracy and create new economic opportunities. Learn about the many ways we are making an impact.

Source: Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2023
One of SFU’s core priorities in the years ahead is to be an institution where Indigenous students, faculty and staff flourish. With all three of our campuses located on traditional territories, we have an inherent responsibility to confront the painful lessons of our colonial history—and to push for meaningful Reconciliation moving forward. This work requires a sustained commitment to systemic and lasting change across our academic community. Visit sfu.ca/reconciliation to learn about the ongoing efforts of Reconciliation at SFU.
SFU-ARC

In 2016, the Aboriginal Reconciliation Council (SFU-ARC) was established to address recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. After much communication with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, the ARC delivered a comprehensive report, Walk This Path with Us, laying out 34 calls to action at the university.

FIRST PEOPLES’ GATHERING HOUSE

A 15,000-sq. ft. ceremonial space for hosting special events of up to 300 attendees developed with input from Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam and Kwikwetlem Nation representatives, is slated for completion in winter 2024.

EXECUTIVE MBA IN INDIGENOUS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

The only accredited MBA program in North America addressing Indigenous business, economic development and entrepreneurship designed for Indigenous professionals in Canada with an interest in Indigenous business management, economic development, Nation-building and self-determination.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT CENTRE

The SFU Indigenous Student Centre (ISC) is dedicated to providing Indigenous students space, access and resources that support their emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual well-being. The ISC hosts events, programming and services to help students succeed and thrive.

SFU’s chancellor and president convocation regalia were redesigned to feature Coast Salish motifs.
SFU is an institutional leader in pursuing ecological, social and economic sustainability and climate action through our research, teaching and learning, campus operations and community and global engagement. To learn more about SFU’s Strategic Sustainability and Climate Action Plan and our goals, actions and services, scan below.
FAIR TRADE GOLD CAMPUS IN CANADA

70% REDUCTION IN OPERATIONAL WASTE 2012-2015

16 TARGETS SUPPORTING UN NET-ZERO GHG EMISSIONS BY 2050

45% ↓ REDUCTION IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO’S CARBON FOOTPRINT, MEETING OUR 2025 GOAL

BIOMASS PLANT
In 2021, SFU opened one of Canada’s largest biomass plants to reduce our Burnaby campus greenhouse gas emissions by 80%. We also pledge to shift half our energy use to renewable resources by 2025.

SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ENGINEERING
In 2019, SFU opened western Canada’s first School of Sustainable Energy Engineering, housed in a new LEED® Gold-certified building that is a living showcase for sustainable building standards.

COMMUNITY-CENTRED CLIMATE INNOVATION
This critical research priority builds on SFU’s strengths in climate resiliency research and sustainable policy development to support and empower communities in the fight against climate change.

HYDROGEN HUB
Located at our Burnaby campus, this new core facility brings together industry, community, academia and government to advance the clean energy transition.
Aerial view of SFU's campus in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.