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PIMS Overview

The Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) is a collaborative mathematical institute distributed across the Pacific Northwest. Our mandate is to promote research in the mathematical sciences, to facilitate the training of highly qualified personnel, to enrich public awareness of and education in the mathematical sciences, and to create partnerships with similar organizations in other countries, with a particular focus on the Pacific Rim.

PIMS has built an international reputation for excellence and transformed the conditions of mathematical research in Canada. Our innovative Collaborative Research Groups bring researchers together across geographical and disciplinary distances. Our postdoctoral fellowships attract outstanding young scientists to contribute to PIMS research programs for two years, some of whom later become faculty members at leading Canadian and international universities. Our international summer schools train the new generation of mathematical scientists in emerging areas of mathematics and its applications.

Our Community

PIMS is a partnership among a diverse and flourishing community in support of the mathematical sciences:

- The 8 PIMS partner universities (Simon Fraser University, the University of Alberta, the University of British Columbia, the University of Calgary, the University of Victoria, the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Washington) and the affiliated institutions (the University of Lethbridge, University of Northern British Columbia and Portland State University).

- The Government of British Columbia through the Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise; the Government of Alberta through the Ministry of Innovation and Science; the Government of Canada through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

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- More than 350 scientists in our member universities who are actively working towards the Institute’s mandate. Their disciplines include pure and applied mathematics, statistics, computer science, physical, chemical and life sciences, medical science, finance, management and several engineering fields.

PIMS Collaborative Research Groups (CRGs)

CRGs are a unique model for the development of mathematical sciences worldwide. Unlike traditional thematic programs, which rely on gathering scholars from one discipline in a single location for a period of time, PIMS CRGs develop permanent research and training networks, establish lasting links across several locations, provide mentorship for postdoctoral fellows and graduate students, and enhance the profile of Canadian researchers. Summer schools, workshops, distinguished visitors and ongoing seminars are integral to CRGs.

PIMS CRGs have produced mathematical research of the highest quality, while simultaneously pioneering emerging applications of mathematics to fields of societal interest, all in a framework of sustained collaboration with lasting impact.

The PIMS CRG program has had a significant impact on the recruitment of new faculty in Canada. Furthermore, there is currently no other mechanism in Canada to enable young researchers to obtain the resources and networking capabilities to develop their full potential as international researchers: PIMS thus plays a pivotal role in enabling Canadian mathematical scientists to forge a world-wide position of leadership in strategic areas.

Current PIMS CRGs:

21 - Number Theory: 2010-2013
22 - Mathematics of Quantum Information: 2010-2013
PIMS OVERVIEW

PIMS International Graduate Training Centres (IGTC)

PIMS is working towards creating IGTCs in strategically chosen areas of mathematics. Each of these centres will develop a specialized graduate program at one or several PIMS universities. The program may include topical PIMS summer schools, annual research summits, new term-time courses, seminars, graduate student exchanges, and international visitors.

In 2007 PIMS established an IGTC in Mathematical Biology based primarily at the Universities of Alberta and British Columbia. After 2012 a new IGTC is slated to be opened in another strategic area.

PIMS supports education

PIMS sponsors and coordinates a wide assortment of educational activities for the K-12 level, as well as undergraduate, graduate, women and aboriginal students. Many of the best PIMS research scientists are involved in these activities.

PIMS is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of mathematics in the world around us. We want young people to see that mathematics is a subject that opens doors to more than just careers in science. Many different and exciting fields in industry are eager to recruit people who are well prepared in this subject.

PIMS believes that training the next generation of mathematical scientists and promoting diversity within mathematics cannot begin too early. From its inception, PIMS has supported a series of educational initiatives:

- Publishing Pi in the Sky, a math magazine for high school students, to promote mathematics, increase the involvement of high school students in mathematical activities, and promote careers in mathematical sciences:
  
  http://www.pims.math.ca/resources/publications/pi-sky

In 2005, PIMS began promoting numeracy and mathematical education in First Nations communities. We have established a partnership with the First Nations Education Steering Committee in B.C., and over the years, PIMS has organized teacher training sessions, mentorship programs and support networks.

Colleges and universities wishing to enjoy an affiliation with PIMS (but not eligible for regular PIMS membership) may engage as PIMS Education Associates and be entitled to apply for PIMS funding for appropriate education, outreach, and professional development activities in their region. To date, 7 BC colleges have become PIMS Education Associates: Camosun College, Vancouver Island University, Okanagan College, University of the Fraser Valley, Langara College, Thompson Rivers University, and Douglas College, and 4 in Alberta: Concordia University College, Grant McEwan University, Red Deer College and Mount Royal University.

Arriving at PIMS

1. Upon your arrival at West Mall Annex, come to the reception area on the south end of the second floor. Ask for the Executive Assistant who will give you a tour and an introduction to the institute and its staff.

2. You will be given a key to the building and a key to your office (if one has been assigned to you). Otherwise, you will receive a form to enable you to pick up a key from UBC Access Control (2nd floor of the General Services Admin Building).

3. If your visit is funded, you can also pick up a reimbursement claim form from the Finance Manager (room 204).

Get Acquainted With Your Space

Phones

Your office will be equipped with a telephone.

- On-campus calls are 5 digits x-xxxx
- Off-campus calls are 11 digits 9-604-xxx-xxxx
- For long distance within North America dial 8-1 and then your number
- For long distance outside North America dial 8-011 and then the country code and then your number

You can always ask for help if you need it!

Faxing

The PIMS fax number is 604-822-0883

You can send faxes from the machine in the copy room. Documents must be placed into the machine face up.

- See Phones section above for how to dial

Computers

Your PIMS office may contain a computer for your use. PIMS computer account information and technical assistance is available from the Systems Manager (room 207).

Email & Internet - www.it.ubc.ca/service_catalogue/internet_telephone/wireless.html and www.it.ubc

Short-term visitors can use the UBC wireless visitor network for email and light web browsing at no charge. Simply select the "ubcvisitor" network on your computer or smartphone. Then open up a web browser, and you will be directed to the login page.

Intermediate-term visitors should the ubc or ubcsecure wireless network. For this you will need a Campus-Wide Login (CWL) account. Your sponsor will help sign you up.

Long-term visitors should use their UBC ID numbers to set up a CWL account, or contact the Systems Manager (room 207) to set up a PIMS account.

Visitors from other educational institutions which support eduroam, can use the eduroam service.
Financial Support
See the Finance Manager (room 204) to answer any outstanding questions regarding funding for your visit to PIMS.

Claims for Reimbursement of Expenses
Your sponsor or conference organizer will advise you as to what level of funding is available to support your visit. If this funding is to cover travel and/or local expenses, please secure the form from the conference organizer. Complete the form and attach original receipts for all items for which you are claiming reimbursement. Send the form to the Finance Manager at the PIMS-UBC office.

Important Notes:
- If you are claiming reimbursement for a flight, please attach your itinerary/itemized receipts/boarding passes.
- PIMS will only reimburse economy flights. If you travelled on a more expensive ticket, attach a quote for an economy ticket to your claim and you will be reimbursed that amount.
- Expense payments will be mailed to the address on your form unless you request otherwise.
- If you are only requesting partial reimbursement from PIMS, still present your original itemized receipts - these will be stamped and signed as being part-paid.
- Photocopies will then be made and we will return the originals for you to claim co-funding from your other sources.
- If you are claiming per diem support then no receipt are needed. The UBC rate is $50.50/day but can be adjusted if some meals are provided.
- Let us know if you prefer to receive your payment electronically and we will need:
  - name/address of your bank
  - SWIFT/BIC code of your bank
  - your full name/address/phone #
  - your bank account #
- If you are an academic visitor only receiving expense reimbursement, you do not need a work permit for your visit to PIMS. However, you may require a visa in order to enter Canada from your home country. Check to see if you need a visa for your PIMS visit at http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/
  - *** we can issue cheques or drafts in Canadian, US and most European currencies
  - *** expense claims can take up to 4 weeks

Opening a Bank Account
You will need a primary ID (passport, credit card, bank card), an amount to deposit and proof of residence. A Social Insurance Number (SIN) may be required. If you are non-Canadian, you will need to bring your Canadian immigration document to open the account. Since different banks require different documents, ask first!

Applying for a Social Insurance Number
www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sin/apply/how.shtml

Taxes
Harmonized Sales Tax (12%) on most goods and services
Income Tax Payable on Research Stipends and Honoraria
Non-Canadians are required to pay taxes in Canada for income received. You’re deemed a resident of Canada for tax purposes if any of the following apply:
- you stay in Canada for 183+ days
- you have residential ties with Canada
- you aren’t considered a resident of another country under the terms of a tax treaty between Canada and that country
See: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/nnrsdnts/trty-eng.html
**if you are deemed a resident of another country under a tax treaty, you must contact the International Tax Services Office for the rules that apply to you.
See: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/nnrsdnts/ndvdls/menu-eng.html

Research Stipends
Post-doctoral fellows who are part-funded by PIMS must provide the following information:
- local address and email address
- anticipated start date
- work permit (if applicable)
- Social Insurance Number

Honoraria
In order to process an honorarium, we will require the following information:
- full name
- mailing address
- social insurance number (if applicable)
- dates in Canada (if you are not a Canadian resident)
- dates of service (dates of lectures, talks or collaboration)

Banks on or near Campus

Bank of Montreal (BMO)
2142 Western Parkway
(604) 665-7076

CIBC
5796 University Boulevard
(604) 221-3550

HSBC
4480 10 Ave W
(604) 228-1421

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)
5905 Berton Ave
(604) 221-3702

Scotiabank
4566 West 10th Avenue
(604) 224-6388

Vancity
4545 West 10th Avenue
(604) 877-7000
Visas & Work Permits

Visitors who have been offered support only to reimburse their expenses do not need a work permit while in Canada. A work permit is only required if a stipend or honorarium is offered.

Invitation Letters
If you need an official invitation letter in order to obtain a visa/work permit, contact reception@pims.math.ca with:
1) the name of the event you are attending at PIMS
2) your travel dates
3) your mailing address

Speakers
Guest speakers, commercial speakers or seminar leaders can speak or deliver training in Canada without a work permit as long as the event lasts no longer than 5 days.

Organizers
Organizers and administrative staff of international meetings or conventions being held in Canada do not need a work permit.

Work Permits for Spouses/Partners
Spouses/partners accompanying Post-Doctoral Fellows or long-term PIMS visitors receiving stipends are eligible for employment once they arrive in Canada. It's the Spousal Employment Authorization initiative:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/faq/work/index.asp

School-Aged Children of Non-Canadians (dependent children under the age of 18)
:: When entering Canada with an adult holding a valid work permit, school-aged or dependent children generally do not need a permit to study in Canada.
:: Indicate on the work permit application that dependent children will be entering Canada with the applicant.
:: Parents/guardians must provide the child's birth certificate, citizenship card, health records, and passport when entering Canada.
:: Some children may be required to submit a study permit application independently of his/her parent's or guardian's work permit.
:: If the Post-Doctoral Fellow or Visitor to PIMS is not a Canadian Resident, the child will be considered an International Student. Please consult the Vancouver School Board to find out more about registering your children at a local school:
www.vsb.bc.ca/contact

For Info about visiting Canada:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/
For a list of countries whose citizens require visas to enter Canada:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp
For a list of embassies and consulates:
www.embassyworld.com/
Please do your research!

The information on Visas & Work Permits is for guidance only. It should not be considered as professional legal advice. Please research the regulations as they apply to your specific situation.

See the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) website www.cic.gc.ca for further info.

For Info about visiting Canada:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/
Medical Services

2151 Wesbrook Mall
604-822-2112
www.dentistry.ubc.ca/dental_clinic
open end of Aug - end of June
9:30am - 12:30pm & 2pm - 5pm

:: University Hospital
2211 Wesbrook Mall
604-822-7121
www.vch.ca/EN/find_locations
/find_locations/ftsite_id=164
24 hr emergency

:: Broadway and Burrard Walk-In Clinic
1816 W. Broadway
604-736-1888
daily 9am - 5pm

:: Vancouver General Hospital
899 West 12th ave
604-875-4111

Health and Dental Services
All BC residents are required to have basic medical coverage through the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Foreign academics holding work permits are considered residents of BC by MSP.

Visitors to Canada on a Visitor Visa are not considered residents of BC.

Please note that there is a 3 calendar-month waiting period to be enrolled into MSP - you can submit your application in advance.

:: During the waiting period, we encourage you to have private coverage which can be purchased through a local insurance agency. This coverage can also be obtained if you are not eligible for MSP.

Depending on your rank and length of appointment, you may be eligible to receive benefits. You should have been provided with a letter containing your payroll and benefits code. Faculty benefits information is available online.

Medical Facilities
:: University Village Medical and Dental Clinic
228-2155 Allison Road
604-222-2273
www.universityvillageclinic.com
Mon-Fri: 8am - 6pm
Sat: 10am - 4pm
:: UBC Dental Clinic (Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre)

Surviving at PIMS

Emergency/Fire/Safety

Emergency: dial 911 for Police, Fire or Ambulance

UBC Campus Security
:: emergency 604-822-2222
:: non-emergency 604-822-8609

Note: Should the fire alarm sound continuously, please leave the building immediately via the nearest exit. The first alarm is periodically tested with a short burst - this testing can be disregarded.

UBC Safewalk
:: UBC offers a Safewalk. Call to get a co-ed pair of walkers to escort you safely on campus.
:: 604-822-5355

Mail Service
:: Incoming mail is delivered to PIMS daily at around 11 am. The Executive Assistant will email you to let you know if you have mail. It will be in the tray under the shelf under the whiteboard in Reception for you to pick up.

:: Outgoing mail is collected by Campus Mail when they bring the incoming mail. Research-related mail can be left with the Executive Assistant for mailing. Personal mail can be dropped in the red post-box at the junction of West Mall and Agricultural Road, just a few steps down the street to the south.

:: There is also a Canada Post outlet in the Student Union Building (SUB) where you can buy stamps, send packages, or courier mail.

Parking
:: The nearest parkade to PIMS is the Fraser River Parkade behind WMAX.
:: You can find out everything you need to know about parking at UBC from the Parking and Access Control Department on the second floor of the General Services and Admin Building or visit www.parking.ubc.ca

Lost and Found
:: UBC’s Central Lost and Found is located at the Campus Security Office at 2133 East Mall next to the UBC Bookstore.

:: open Mon-Fri 9am - 4:30pm (closed on statutory holidays)
:: 604-822-9522

*** Before checking at UBC’s Central Lost and Found, check the lost and found of the building you are in, usually at the reception area.
Library Access

Anyone is welcome to use the collections of UBC Library on site, but to borrow books you will require a UBC Library card.

Visitors may qualify for UBC Library privileges on a free or paid basis, depending on the degree of affiliation. Please consult the following categories to see which applies to you.

Visiting Faculty with a UBC Visiting Appointment
You can apply for a faculty UBC card at the UBC Carding Office in the UBC Bookstore.
www.ubccard.ubc.ca
Your UBC department must have issued a UBC visiting faculty appointment according to Faculty Relations procedures.
www.hr.ubc.ca/faculty-relations/recruitment/titles-ranks-descriptions/visitors/

Visitors Collaborating with UBC Faculty Members on their Research
The UBC faculty member may authorize you to borrow under his/her own Library privileges. Ask the UBC faculty member to complete the Faculty Authorization Application Form and bring it to one of the UBC Library locations listed on the form to get your card.

Faculty, Staff and Students from certain post-secondary institutions
The UBC Library has established reciprocal borrowing arrangements with other institutions. Check to see if your home university or college is listed.

Main UBC Libraries
- Walter C. Koerner Library
- Irving K Barber Learning Centre
PIMS Library
Room 101 in the PIMS building.
If eligible, you will receive a free community borrower card - just follow the instructions on the website:
www.library.ubc.ca/home/reciprocal-visiting.html

Other Visitors
You may purchase a UBC Library community borrower card:
- $40/term [Sept-Dec] [Jan-Apr] [May-Aug]
- $120/academic year
- Senior's rate: $40/year (aged 65+)

Accommodation

On Campus
West Coast Suites
5959 Student Union Boulevard
http://www.ubccommendations.com/accommodations/west-coast-suites/
Tel: 604-822-1000
Fax: 604-822-1001
Email: reservations@housing.ubc.ca

St. John’s College
2737 Lower Mall
http://www.stjohns.ubc.ca/GuestRooms.stm
Tel: 604-822-6522
Fax: 604-822-8885
Email: sjc.reception@ubc.ca

Green College
6201 Cecil Green Park Road
http://www.greencollege.ubc.ca/
Tel: 604-822-8600
Fax: 604-822-8762
Email: gc.reception@ubc.ca

Vancouver School of Theology
6000 Iona Drive
Tel: 604-822-9031
Fax: 604-822-9212

Carey Centre
5920 Iona Drive
http://www.careycentre.com
Tel: 604-224-4308
Fax: 604-224-5014
Email: info@carey-edu.ca

St. Mark’s College Guesthouse
5935 Iona Drive
http://www.stmarkscollege.ca
Tel: 604-822-6862 Ext. 489
Email: guestroom@stmarkscollege.ca

Triumf Guesthouse
5835 Thunderbird Blvd
http://www.triumfhouse.ca
Tel: 604-822-7033
Fax: 604-822-7547
Email: housing@triumf.ca

Off Campus
Four Seasons
791 West Georgia Street
Tel: (604) 689-9933
Fax: (604) 684-4555

The Listel Hotel
1300 Robson Street
604-682-5511

Pan Pacific
300-999 Canada Place
(604) 662-8111

Sutton Place Hotel
845 Burrard Street
(604) 682-5511

Shaughnessy Village
1125 west 12th ave
604-736-5511

Bed & Breakfasts:
Point Grey Guesthouse
4103 West 10th Ave
(604) 222-4104
http://www.pointgreyguesthouse.com/

Kitsilano Heritage House
2455 West 6th Avenue
604-339-5833
http://www.maplehouse.com/

University Rates:
Park Inn & Suites
858 West Broadway
604-872-8661
May 1, 2011 - Oct 14, 2011 $139
Oct 15, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011 $90
Rates per night for standard room with 2 double beds

Help looking for Accommodation:
www.makeyourselfathome.com/
Email: info@makeyourselfathome.com

www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/accommodation
www.hellobc.com/en-CA/AccommodationSpecialOffers/Vancouver.htm

www.airbnb.com
On Campus

in the Student Union Building
- The Gallery (Montreal-style bagels)
- The Pit Pub (quarter pound patties and burger specials everyday)
- Pie R Squared (pizza)
- Honour Roll (sushi)
- The Pendulum (pasta, sandwiches, etc)
- The Delly
- Subway
- A&W
- Koya Japan
- Pizza Pizza
- Manchu Wok
- Pasta/Salad/Soup Bar

Dining at UBC

The Boulevard Coffee Roasting Co.
5970 University Boulevard
Mon-Fri: 6:30am - 10pm
Sat-Sun: 7am - 10pm

Mahony & Sons Public House
5990 University Boulevard
Mon-Wed: 11am - midnight
Thurs-Fri: 11am - 1am
Sat: noon - 1am
Sun: noon - 11pm

University Village Restaurant
5778 University Boulevard
Mon-Sat: 11am - 10pm
Sun: 4pm - 10pm

Sage Bistro
6331 Crescent Road
Mon-Wed: 7:15am-9am, 11:30am-2pm
Thu-Fri: 7:15am-9am, 11:30am-2pm, 3:30pm-8pm

White Spot
2015 Main Mall

11am - 8pm daily

Caffè Perugia
2950 Health Sciences Mall
Mon-Fri: open for breakfast & lunch

Blenz
5784 University Boulevard
- Winter Hours
  - Weekdays: 6am - 12am
  - Weekends: 7am - 11pm
- Summer Hours
  - Weekdays: 7am - 11pm
  - Weekends: 8am - 10pm

UBC Marketplace
University Boulevard between Western Parkway and Allison Road
- Pearl Fever Tea House
- Starbucks Coffee
- Combo Express
- Donair Town
- Vera’s Burgers
- Only U Cafe
- Oven Fresh Bakery
- Pita Pit
- One More Sushi
- and more!

Dining Off-Campus

Near Campus

On 10th Avenue, within 10 minutes of campus:

Candia Taverna ($15-$30)
4510 West 10th Avenue
Greek food – pizzas and pastas
604-228-9512

Provence Mediterranean Grill ($45+)
4473 West 10th Avenue
604-222-1980

Some Kinda Pasta ($15-$30)
4409 West 10th Avenue
604-222-0220

On West Broadway, within 15 minutes of campus:

Athena’s ($15-$30)
5618 West Broadway
Greek food
604-731-4135

Aoki Sushi ($15-$30)
1888 West Broadway
604-731-5577

Banana Leaf ($30-$45)
3005 West Broadway
Malaysian food
604-731-6333

Maurya Indian Cuisine ($30-$45)
1643 West Broadway
604) 734-3005

Sunshine Diner ($10-$15)
2649 West Broadway
604) 733-7717

More close eats:

The Keg
1499 Anderson Street
Steak/Seafood
604-685-4735

Handi’s Restaurant ($15-$25)
4332 Dunbar Street
Indian food
(604) 738-3186

The Dunbar ($10-$15)
4497 Dunbar Street
(604) 222-9922

Jethro’s Fine Grub ($10-$15)
3420 Dunbar Street
(604) 369-3441

University student hangouts:

The Eatery ($10-$20)
3431 West Broadway
Japanese fusion
(604) 738-5298

Koerner’s Pub ($15-$25)
6371 Crescent Road
(604) 822-0983

www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/dining
www.vancouver-bc.com/restaurants
www.opentable.com
www.zagat.com
dinehere.ca
www.urbanspoon.com
Activities, Entertainment & Shopping

Activities and Entertainment

:: The Birdcoop Fitness Centre
   - 6000 Student Union Blvd. (in the Student Recreation Centre)
   - $9 daily drop-in

:: Thunderbird Arena skating arena
   - 6066 Thunderbird Blvd.

:: UBC Aquatic Centre pool
   - 6121 University Blvd.

:: Pacific Spirit Regional Park
   - parking available at 4915 W. 16th ave.
   - hiking and biking trails

:: UBC Tennis Centre
   - 6160 Thunderbird Blvd.
   - indoor courts $16/hr and outdoor courts $5/hr

:: UBC Golf Club
   - 5185 University Boulevard
   - 604-224-1818

:: UBC Botanical Garden
   - 6804 SW Marine Drive
   - Canada’s oldest university garden $12 entrance fee

:: Norm Theatre
   - 6138 Student Union Boulevard
   - check the schedule: http://ubcfilmsociety.com/
   - $5 general admission/ $2.50 children

:: Museum of Anthropology
   - 6393 N.W. Marine Drive
   - 604-822-5087
   - adult admission $14

:: Wreck Beach
   - University Blvd & NW Marine Dr
   - a clothing-optional beach

Shopping

:: Shoppers Drug Mart
   - 5940 University Boulevard

:: Liquor Store
   - #102A - 2158 Western Parkway

:: Granville Island Produce
   - 5767 Dalhousie Road

:: Bakery
   - 2136 Western Parkway

:: UBC Bookstore
   - 6200 University Boulevard

:: Save on Foods
   - 5945 Berton Avenue
   (corner of West 16th Ave)

Shopping Off Campus

Richmond Centre (Richmond)
6551 No. 3 Road, Richmond
http://www.richmondcentre.com
604-713-7467
Richmond Centre also provides free parking. It is easy to get to by Sky Train, car or bus and there is free parking at all adjoining centers (Metrotown, Eaton Centre and Station Square).

Point Grey’s West 10th Avenue
This beautiful neighbourhood street runs from Alma to the University Gates with a casual mix of stores. A pleasant walk from UBC along the perimeter of the University Golf Club will lead you to this, one of the oldest communities in Vancouver.

Chinatown
**East of Downtown on Pender at Main
www.vancouver-chinatown.com/
Vancouver’s Chinatown is the second-largest Chinatown in North America (after San Francisco’s) and well worth a visit. Here you’ll find everything from ginseng to green tea, fine embroidered linens, silk robes, splendid and exotic fresh produce plus traditional Chinese wares and one of the world’s narrowest buildings (at the corner of Carrall and Pender).
**Things To Do in Vancouver**

**Arts Club Theatre Company**
www.artsclub.com 604-568-1644
The company exhibits a variety of live shows on 3 stages in Vancouver: Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage @ 2750 Granville Street, Granville Island Stage @ 1585 Johnston Street, and New Revue Stage @ 1601 Johnston Street. Tickets may be obtained in advance from Ticketmaster or at the box office in the SUB building on the UBC campus.

**Bard on the Beach (summertime only)**
www.bardonthеасh.org 604-739-0559
Shakespeare's plays staged outdoors down by Kitsilano Beach in Vanier Park. Tickets may be obtained in advance from Ticketmaster or at the box office in the SUB building on the UBC campus.

**Queen Elizabeth Theatre**
900 Burrard Street
www.cineplex.com/Theatres/TheatreDetails/Scotiabank-Theatre-Vancouver.aspx (604) 630-1407
Vancouver’s go-to theatre. Located downtown.

**Science World**
1455 Quebec Street
www.scienceworld.ca/ 604-665-4719
A hard to miss, giant silver ball, located a 1/4 mile south of the Main street sky train station. A Vancouver favourite, it features many exciting and eye-opening scientific activities, inventions and shows.

**The Vancouver Police Centennial Museum**
240 E. Cordova Street
www.vancouverpolicemuseum.ca 604-665-3346
In addition to historical displays of some of Vancouver's best-known crimes (and the morgue where Errol Flynn lay after his death), you'll find a strong educational component and a modern hands-on atmosphere such as weaponry displays, and a 6'x 26' mural (110 year history of the Vancouver Police Department). Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm year round. Closed over statutory holidays.

**The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts**
www.centreinvancouver.com 604-662-9016
Stages mostly musicals. Located downtown at 777 Homer Street. Tickets may be obtained in advance from Ticketmaster or at the box office in the SUB building on the UBC campus.

**5th Avenue Cinemas**
2110 Burrard
www.festivalcinemas.ca 24 Hour Info Line: 604-734-7469

**Scotiabank Theatre**
900 Burrard Street
www.cineplex.com/Theatres/TheatreDetails/Scotiabank-Theatre-Vancouver.aspx (604) 630-1407

**Queen Elizabeth Park**
4600 Cambie Street (604) 257-8400
http://vancouver.ca/parks/parks/queenelizabeth/attractions.htm

**Kitsilano Beach**
1299 Arbutus St http://vancouver.ca/parks/rec/beaches/kitsb.htm

**English Bay**
Beach Avenue between Gilford and Bidwell Streets http://vancouver.ca/parks/rec/beaches/english.htm

**Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden**
578 Carrall Street
www.vancouverchinesegarden.com (604) 662-3207
This lovely garden provides unique cultural experiences for visitors and the community through a lively series of garden tours, events, cultural exchanges and educational programs. Admission: adults $14, seniors $11, students with valid ID $10 and children under 5 free.

**Capilano Suspension Bridge**
555 Columbia Street
This bridge stretches across for 137 metres, sitting 70 metres above the Capilano River. Admission: adults $32.95, seniors (65+) $30.95, students with ID (17+) $26.95, youth $21.95 (13-16), children (6-12) $12. Call 604-568-3880 for further information.

**Vancouver Art Gallery**
750 Hornby Street
http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca 604-658-8880
International and local talents present a variety of exhibitions and collections that highlight BC’s contemporary artists including an extensive Emily Carr exhibit.

**Admission:**
- Adults $22.50, seniors $17, students $16, children (5-12) $7; Tuesdays after 5pm is by donation. Open daily 10am - 5pm and Tuesdays 10am - 9pm.

**Bard on the Beach (summertime only)**
www.bardonthеасh.org 604-739-0559
Shakespeare's plays staged outdoors down by Kitsilano Beach in Vanier Park. Tickets may be obtained in advance from Ticketmaster or at the box office in the SUB building on the UBC campus.

**Queen Elizabeth Park**
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**Stanley Park**
http://vancouver.ca/parks/parks/stanley/
Vancouver's beloved Stanley Park is an evergreen oasis of 400 hectares close to the downtown core. Go for a walk or bike and enjoy the scenery.

**www.hellobc.com**

**www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/**
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  calling within Canada: 1-800-268-6900
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:: National Car Rental - www.nationalcar.ca
  1-877-222-9058
:: Lo-Co$t Rent-A-Car - www.locost.com
  1-888-556-2678
:: Discount Car and Truck Rentals
  www.discountcar.com
  604-310-2277
:: Thrifty - www.thrifty.com
  calling within US & Canada: 1-800-847-4389
calling internationally: 1-918-669-2168
:: Rent-A-Wreck - www.rentawreck.ca
  1-800-327-0116
:: Zip Car - www.zipcar.com/vancouver
  Rates vary from $7/hr to $69/day.
  Gas, insurance and maintenance are included.
:: modo. the car co-op

Bicycle Rental

:: Bike Co-Op (on campus!) - www.bikecoop.ca
  6138 Student Union Boulevard
  ubc.bikecoop@gmail.com
  604-822-2453 (that's 604-822-BIKE)
:: Different Bikes
  1421 West Broadway
  604-737-2344
:: Spokes - www.spokesbicyclerentals.com
  1738 West Georgia Street
  www.spokesbicyclerentals.com
  604-688-5141
:: UBC Bike Kitchen
  6138 Student Union Boulevard (downstairs)
  www.thebikekitchen.com
  604-822-7333
  Plan your bike routes out with this site:
  http://www.cyclevancouver.ubc.ca/cv.aspx

Taxi Cabs

:: Yellow Cab
  604-681-1111
:: Black Top & Checker Cabs
  604-683-4567
:: MacLures Taxi - www.maclurescabs.ca/
  604-683-6666
:: Vancouver Taxi
  www.vancouvertaxi.ca
  604-871-1111

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Bus, Sea Bus and Sky Train Service. Call Customer Info
for specific directions or follow the bus route map to
where you want to go.

Translink Customer Information
www.translink.bc.ca
604-953-3333 (save this # to your cell in case you get
lost - an operator will be available to help between
6:30am-11:30pm)
Lost Property? Call 604-682-7887

PIMS Lounge
The PIMS facility at UBC is comprised of staff and researchers' offices, two lounges, a library/small classroom, and two seminar rooms. You are welcome to use the PIMS lounges at any time. Regular coffee, tea and bottled water are provided – please help yourself. Self-serve espresso is available in the 2nd floor lounge. Payment is by the honour system, and you will find the price (just $1 per cup) to be lower than most places on campus. You may use the notebook on top of the espresso machine to keep track of your coffee purchases. You will receive an invoice approximately monthly. We do ask that you clean up after yourself whenever you use a common area (wash your dishes, place dishes in the dishwasher, wipe up your crumbs and spills, wipe splatter out of the microwave, etc.). Please remember at the end of the day to return your coffee mug to the dishwasher in the 1st floor lounge to be cleaned.

PIMS Tea
PIMS hosts a Tea each Wednesday afternoon from September to May. The Tea is held at 2:45pm in the PIMS lounge on the 1st floor. Tea, coffee and a variety of fruits are enjoyed by PIMS staff and researchers and guests from other departments. All are welcome to join us.

Beer Seminar
Once a month, PIMS hosts a Beer Seminar at Koerner’s Pub. Watch the bulletin board in the reception area for dates and times.

Recycling and Garbage
UBC recycles. Boxes and bins for recycling paper/cardboard and glass/metal are available. You are responsible for emptying the waste basket and recycling bin in your office. (UBC does not allow the custodial staff to do this for you.) Please do not empty your recycling and waste in the reception, copy room or other areas.

Your Office Hours
If you teach a course, please hold your office hours in the Math department, not in your PIMS office. The Mathematics office meeting rooms are located in LSK 202. Rooms A & B are dedicated for office hours, Room C for drop-in tutorials. There is a posted schedule for rooms A & B, so please write your name in the timeslot you want.

Printing/Scanning/etc
PIMS has stationery, a fax machine, scanner, printer, photocopier, binder, and laminator for your use - ask the receptionist for assistance. (If you are teaching a course, please use the photocopier in your department for course material.)

“Science” is the laser printer in the 2nd floor lounge and “Lab” is the laser printer in the 1st floor lounge. Always ask the receptionist to print your transparencies for you.

For personal use, please leave 5 cents/page in the payment bottle.

Lights Out!
Lastly, always lock-up and check that all lights are out when you leave for the night.
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