

SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES



Building a campus is like building a community. To responsibly steward the rapid growth and development of this community, UBC's Okanagan campus has placed sustainability at the core of all our planning processes and strategic directions. While much of the focus has been on sustainable growth of the campus infrastructure, the resilience of the campus community is of equal importance. Our campus sustainability commitments position us to strive for an integrated approach that serves to advance the environmental, economic, social and cultural dimensions of sustainability on campus and beyond.

We are pleased to present this year's *Shift* magazine to highlight our collective sustainability achievements and directions as a campus, and as members of our community. Together, we are striving to make a difference now and for future generations to come.

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Climate change, sustainable development and healthy, resilient communities. These are just a few issues that come to mind when we think of sustainability. Sustainability is also about shifting our perspectives to an integrated view, so that we can begin see how our values, actions, cultures and systems influence sustainability in everything we plan and do.

At UBC's Okanagan campus, sustainability is a part of our campus operations, research, teaching and campus community. It's about aspiring to develop and model innovative solutions for a resilient future on campus and beyond - through integration, collaboration and partnerships.

The people and projects featured in this year's edition of *Shift* highlight some of the unique ways our faculty, students and staff are advancing sustainability and shifting to integrated approaches. Whether it's working with the City of Kelowna to apply our research locally or collaborating with faculty and students across disciplines to create tools to model the impact of climate change, collaboration and community are at the heart of our work.

We welcome you to join us as we share our journey toward a sustainable future - a future built by the capacity of many leaders, faculty, students, staff and community members who are working in concert and are making a difference.

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