



SUSTAINABILITY. FROM HERE.

Sustainability at the University of British Columbia is about much more than environmental stewardship. UBC's faculty, staff, students, and alumni understand that decisions made today—collectively and individually—have social, economic, and environmental consequences for tomorrow.

UBC knows that to meet society's needs, without compromising those of future generations, the University requires the best efforts of the brightest minds in every discipline. Locally and globally, UBC is proud to begin and advance conversations in order to positively contribute to the construction of a more civil society.

Already having emerged as a global sustainability leader, UBC continues to build its international reputation by taking the lead at home: in Vancouver and the Okanagan. In classrooms, in campus plans, in community development, and in partnerships, the UBC community aspires to create a world worthy of our children's children.

Professor Stephen J. Toope
President and Vice-Chancellor

We are pleased to present this report of what we at UBC's Okanagan campus are doing about sustainability from here. The interdisciplinary nature of our campus in Kelowna ensures that it is a natural hub for partnership and participation in the search for ideas and solutions that lead to a more sustainable society.

As a tight-knit university community we continuously strive to become more sustainable, to remain vigilant in our commitment to sustainability, and to foster a sense of pride and possibility in our students. We do this while they learn about their social, environmental, and economic responsibilities in both theory and practice.

From the Okanagan Sustainability Institute—which supports research relevant to issues of long-term sustainability within the Okanagan region and beyond—to infrastructure that sets the standard for environmental performance in Canada, UBC's Okanagan campus brings sustainability into every aspect of its operations.

By examining all of our actions through a lens of sustainability, we can make decisions today that ensure our own well-being and that of future generations.

Dr. Doug Owram
Deputy Vice Chancellor and Principal

From the outset, UBC's Okanagan campus has been dedicated to building a sustainable community. Sustainability is a common thread that runs through the great variety of components that make up our university campus: it is an integral element of our academic courses, research projects, and operations, and it is a guiding factor in the development of our state-of-the-art facilities.

Our campus' sustainability commitments span the entire spectrum of sustainability, addressing the environmental, social, economic, and cultural pillars and their impact on both our physical infrastructure and our learning and working environment.

Through a collaborative effort between the Okanagan Sustainability Institute and UBC's Okanagan Sustainability Office, we are integrating sustainability in our operations and academics to make the campus into a living laboratory.

We have the opportunity to serve as a model of sustainability by fully integrating and supporting sustainability in our academic programs, operations, and campus community to create a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable campus culture.

Dr. Alaa S. Abd-El-Aziz
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