

# UBC Bachelor of International Economics



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Vancouver School of Economics

# A degree for the next generation of global economists

The Bachelor of International Economics (BIE) is the Vancouver School of Economics' (VSE) flagship program, providing students with strong fundamentals in applied economics, including international trade, development and finance, and a deep understanding of the workings of the global economy.

With the UBC Sauder School of Business as its strategic partner and recognized by Maclean's Canadian Universities Guidebook as a "standout program", the BIE prepares students for careers in business, government, academia and the non-profit sector.

## ABOUT BIE STUDENTS



BIE students have directly related work experience prior to graduation, including summer positions, internships, co-op and part-time work



BIE students participate in faculty research projects, learning and applying advanced analytical skills



BIE students study economics directly from first-year, undergoing technical training earlier than other degree programs



BIE students hail from over 40 countries; many students speak multiple languages



BIE students learn business etiquette and professional communication through dedicated coaching and workshops



BIE students are an elite group of undergrads with the competitive admission rate of 3% (approx. 100 selected each year from over 3000 applicants)

## ABOUT THE VSE

The Vancouver School of Economics at the University of British Columbia is a global centre for research and hands-on learning about pressing economic issues.



Top economics school in Canada



Ranked in the top 25 worldwide



Part of UBC, one of the top 20 public universities in the world

*"Economics holds the promise to improve lives, the power to connect cultures, and the potential to make the world a better place. At the BIE, we challenge our students to place themselves at the centre of that vision. With a custom-designed curriculum, close mentoring, and the full resources of a world-class university, BIE graduates are ready to make their mark as talented economists, thinkers, and business leaders."*

- Prof. Mauricio Drelichman, former BIE Director



# Career-ready skills

With core courses in economics, math and finance from the VSE and its partner, the UBC Sauder School of Business, BIE students are skilled in:

- Empirical research methods & data analytics
- Business, government & non-profit policy analysis
- Processes & issues in economic development
- Financial & economic modelling & decision-making
- Accounting & investment theory
- Cost-benefit analysis
- International financial systems
- Strategic management

*"As a management consulting firm, we are always looking for knowledgeable and well-rounded candidates to join our team. The BIE program's mix of commerce, economics and general arts courses provides the students with applicable business skills and a solid understanding of economic theory. This complementary skillset is well suited for a successful career in industry and we will continue to recruit from the BIE program."*

*- Alex Welch, Vice President, Route & Network Planning  
InterVISTAS Consulting Inc.*



## RECENT EMPLOYERS

- Bank of Canada
- Charles River Associates
- McKinsey & Co.
- KPMG
- Government of Canada
- UNHCR - UN Refugee Agency
- Microsoft
- RBC
- Deloitte

## HIRED ROLES

- Finance / Data Analytics
- Policy Research Officer
- Junior Economist / Policy Analyst
- Account & Market Planning
- Finance Analyst
- Research Assistant

# Meet our graduates



**Wesley Ng**  
Business Analyst, McKinsey & Co.

As an intern analyst at Cascadia Strategy Consulting Partners, Wesley helped draft policy on short-term home-sharing rental regulations enacted by Vancouver city council.

"Economics provides you with the knowledge of understanding how the world works and commerce provides the realistic tools to deal with it. Having a balanced education in both subjects gave me the unique skillset I needed to enter the job market."



**Carina Manitiuis**  
Graduate Student, London School of Economics

As a research assistant for a UBC professor, Carina used spatial data to study political corruption in South Africa, linking rainfall patterns with voting behavior.

"The BIE program's international focus, in its courses and cohort, gave me the global perspective I wanted in studying economics. It's given me the research training and expertise to tackle big questions and to understand a changing world."



**Rastee Chaudhry**  
Project Coordinator, Centre of Education & Consciousness

Since graduating, Rastee has worked for an NGO in Lahore, Pakistan, helping to end physical and humiliating punishment of children in schools and communities.

"BIE graduates are spread out all over the world and it's given me an incredible professional network. The connections I have made are an invaluable resource to my work. BIE grads are some of the most highly motivated and driven people I've ever met."



**William Beaudoin**  
Research Assistant, Bank of Canada

As a student intern, William spent a summer working at KPMG in Montreal, conducting economic impact analyses on foreign direct investment in Canada.

"Studying economics from the very first year, I was able to take upper level courses in econometrics, trade theory, and mathematics a lot sooner than most. It's given me the time to fully harness the technical talents I needed to hit the ground running in my career."

## TOP 3 INDUSTRIES OF INTEREST



Banking & Finance



NGO/Development



Consulting



## ***Connect with us***

The VSE Career Centre is the focal point of a vibrant community that connects BIE students to an expanding global network of employers and partners.

Through us, your organization, firm, or institution can promote permanent, part-time, summer or internship positions to BIE students.

You can also connect with our students through a campus visit, career information sessions or at our annual networking event.

Visit us online at [careercentre.economics.ubc.ca](https://careercentre.economics.ubc.ca) or contact the Career Centre at +1 (604) 827 5268

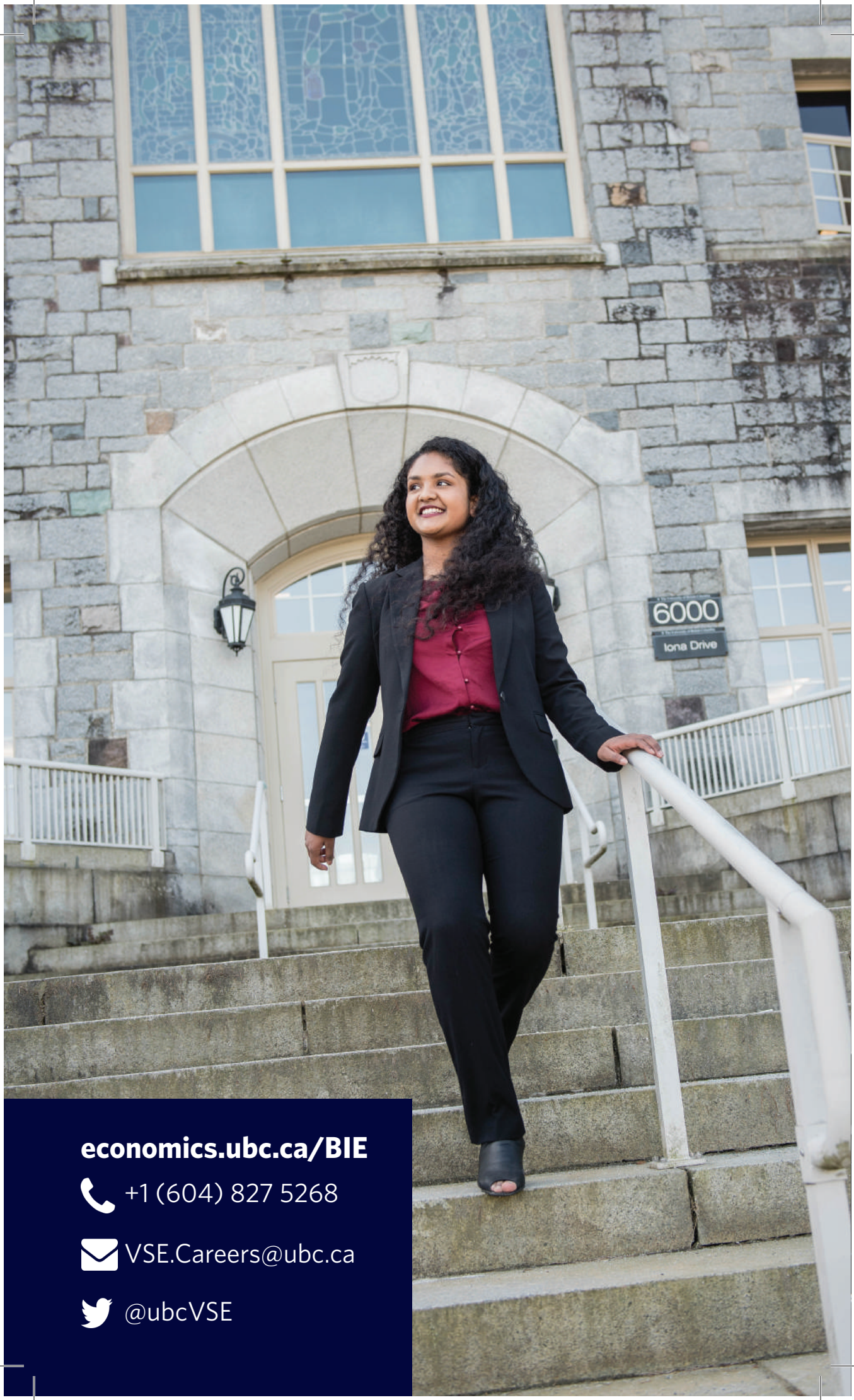
### **Co-op students**

Co-op placements can be for 4 or 8 month terms. Students are available to start in September, January and May.


### **Hiring or connecting with BIE students**


If you are seeking to hire a BIE student or a recent graduate, or wish to engage with BIE students directly, contact the Career Centre with any questions at: [VSE.Careers@ubc.ca](mailto:VSE.Careers@ubc.ca)





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