



**STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**
UBC 2020

RATIONALE

The 2020 theme of the Student Leadership Conference is “(un)filtered” - a way to challenge new ideas and evoke dialogue in the following areas:

Vulnerability

We ask delegates to acknowledge and deconstruct their own “filters.” We hope to inspire them to reflect on how their unconscious biases and preconceptions can affect their actions as leaders.

Perception

Under the values imposed by society, we learn to adjust our behavior to fit certain expectations. Delegates are asked to challenge these notions, think about how they present themselves to the world as leaders, and acknowledge and explore both the “filtered” and “unfiltered” versions of themselves.

Delegates are further encouraged to interrogate the ways in which technology acts as a catalyst for skewed perception as we literally “filter” ourselves to meet societal standards.

Embracing discomfort and complexity

This year, we ask delegates to foster a dialogue that is conducive to changing perceived notions. We aid them in recognizing that great leaders can be those who tackle the complex and challenging conversations that are often pushed aside dismissed or completely avoided.