



## UBC Visiting International Research Student (VIRS) – Checklist

Preparing to arrive	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read through the <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions</a> on the VIRS website.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay your <a href="#">IMED Fees</a> on the UBC <a href="#">Student Service Centre</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for relevant immigration documents (eTA, Visitor Visa or Study Permit).
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIRS students at UBC for longer than 6 months will require a study permit. Please read the <a href="#">Study Permit Tutorial</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact UBC's <a href="#">International Student Advising</a> if you have questions at <a href="mailto:isa@students.ubc.ca">isa@students.ubc.ca</a> . Identify yourself as a VIRS student and include your UBC ID number, your citizenship and the number of months of your VIRS stay.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan your travels to Vancouver.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Begin to consider your <a href="#">housing options</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inform Go Global and your host supervisor if you will be delayed arriving or if there are any changes to your research dates.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If your visa or study permit is refused, please contact Go Global immediately. We may be able to support you in applying again.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan your first day and your research schedule with your host supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Join the <a href="#">VIRS Facebook Group</a> to meet other VIRS students.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register for a <a href="#">VIRS orientation session</a> .
When you arrive at UBC	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Find and print your IMED Card from your email from David Cummings Insurance (search DCIS).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for IMED Date-change: most students will need to do this when they arrive.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for <a href="#">BC MSP</a> immediately upon arrival (all students staying for longer than 6 months).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get your UBC Card from the <a href="#">UBC Bookstore</a> . This is your UBC ID card and your library card. Remember to bring your passport.

If you have questions, email [go.global@ubc.ca](mailto:go.global@ubc.ca).

Drop-in Advising at Go Global Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1pm – 3pm, or by appointment.