

IMAGINE UBC 2025 ORIENTATION LEADER – ARTS & MUSIC

[Imagine UBC](#) and the University's first year transition programs serve as new students' formal welcome to the University, an invocation to the learning community they have joined. Imagine UBC helps students begin to find and build a community at UBC, feel supported from their first day on campus and through their first year, and provides a beginning to a learning experience that will challenge, stimulate and prepare them to achieve their goals, use their strengths and meet the challenges of our local and global communities.

Imagine UBC is coordinated through the [Centre for Student Development and Leadership](#) within the Vice President, Students' portfolio working in collaboration with staff, faculty, and students from across the University in the development and implementation of the program.

The Imagine UBC Orientation Leader position plays a crucial role in the delivery of UBC Orientations, through communicating with a cohort of new-to-UBC students in the month of August, by providing direct peer support to this group on Imagine UBC (September 2, 2025), and throughout the first 6-weeks of the term as they transition into university life.

This role will take place primarily in person in September 2025. During the summer of 2025, you will participate in this role virtually. The delivery of Orientations programming and this role may change. If you have questions about what this might look like, please contact us.

This volunteer posting is for 250 Faculty of Arts and School of Music Orientation Leaders.

Primary Functions

As an Orientation Leader, you should expect to:

- Contribute to an environment at UBC that is dedicated to excellence, equity, and mutual respect.
- Build and support an engaged community of new-to-UBC students
- Facilitate delivery of Imagine UBC and the 6-week transition program
- Engage in personal and professional development
- Role model outstanding student leadership on campus
- Understand the larger picture of orientations at the University and assist in the implementation of that vision
- Provide informed and timely referrals to campus resources and opportunities to students in your group to support their transition, as needed
- Actively contribute to the overall growth and development of the Orientation Leader team

Assist with the delivery of the new-to-UBC Transition Experience by:

- Engaging in bi-weekly check-ins with the new-to-UBC students in your group until October 10, 2025
- Maintaining regular contact (via email, in person meetings, etc.) with your Imagine Senior Orientation Leader until October 10, 2025
- Providing updates to the Arts Imagine UBC Orientations team regarding connections with new-to-UBC students and other information as required until October 10, 2025
- Engage in personal and professional development, including online development activities over the summer months (July – August)

Time Commitment

Please note that the dates and time commitments listed below are **mandatory requirements** for this role. Before applying, please ensure you are available for all dates and times.

Time Period	Details
Late May 2025	Virtual Selection Process More details to come
Thursday, July 10 5:30 – 7 pm	Arts & Music Orientation Leader Welcome: A Live Virtual Overview of the Orientation Leader Role + an opportunity to meet your Senior Orientation Leader team
Thursday, July 31 As scheduled (max 2 hours)	Community building event with OL team Specific meet-up time will be coordinated by your Senior Orientation Leader
Mid-August	Orientation Leader and Senior Orientation Leader In-Person Social Optional event. More details to come
Thursday, August 21 As scheduled (max 2 hours)	Community building event with OL team Specific meet-up time will be coordinated by your Senior Orientation Leader
<u>Ongoing throughout July – August</u>	Asynchronous Online Training Modules To be completed on your own time (including transition program training material and inclusive community building training) Connections with incoming students Specific dates and details to come
August 31 – September 1	Imagine UBC Training More information will be available in August. If you will be away for the summer, please plan to return to campus by August 31, 2025
September 2, 2025 All Day: 7 am - Evening	Imagine UBC
<u>Ongoing throughout September – mid-October</u>	Transition Program Support new-to-UBC students as they transition to life at UBC. NEW FOR 2025: all Imagine UBC Arts and Music Orientation Leaders will be responsible for supporting with the transition program
Thursday, September 25 5:30 – 7 pm	Position Wrap-up with Arts Student Engagement

Benefits of Participating

- Involvement in the University community
- Build respectful and inclusive communities
- Develop group facilitation, effective communication, community development, and team building skills
- Build connections with university staff and peers, and give back to UBC community

Responsibilities

Build and support an engaged community of new-to-UBC students by:

- Leading an Orientation group of approximately 15-20 students
- Creating and maintaining communities of friendship and belonging for all new-to-UBC students
- Building peer relationships within your individual group, as well as amongst fellow Orientation Leaders
- Embracing your role as a UBC ambassador for student leadership and representative of Imagine UBC and your Faculty/School
- Communicating important updates from your Senior Orientation Leader to your student group via email leading up to Imagine UBC

Facilitate delivery of Imagine UBC by:

- Assisting with the delivery of Imagine UBC activities for new-to-UBC students
- Maintaining proper communication throughout the planning process to ensure successful program delivery
- Providing feedback for overall program delivery and articulating recommendations moving forward

Engage in personal and professional skill development by:

- Developing competencies in areas including communication, teamwork, social and community organization, analysis and problem solving, initiative and motivation, willingness to learn, and adaptability

Role model outstanding student leadership on campus by:

- Upholding UBC's [Respectful Environment Statement](#) as a responsible member of the UBC community
- Embracing the role as an ambassador for student leadership and representative of the Faculty of Arts and School of Music
- Actively participating as a member of a larger community of leadership across the UBC Vancouver campus

Desired Experience and Skills

- Must be an undergraduate Arts or Music student in good academic standing and enrolled as an undergraduate student until December 2025
- Passion and desire to get involved at UBC
- Exceptional leadership skills
- Excellent organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management and conflict resolution skills
- Demonstrated ability to adapt to new and challenging experiences with a positive mind-set
- Ability and willingness to work independently and as part of a team with students, volunteers, and staff
- Willing to engage in ongoing professional and personal development opportunities
- Knowledge of UBC and volunteer/work experience
- Knowledge of and/or sensitivity to issues affecting students and their transition to Canada or to UBC

Commitment to Equity and Inclusion

- Equity and diversity are essential to the academic community at UBC and are essential to Orientations programming that will support all incoming students. A diverse leader community can help contribute to effective community building and to the empowerment of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit or Indigenous person.
- We expect **all applicants** to be committed to equity and inclusion, and leaders will be provided with ongoing training related to these topics. We expect all applicants to show respect for all people and their differences, demonstrate fairness and equity, work to understand the perspectives of others, promote cooperation and collaboration, bring out the best in others, demonstrate empathy and use respectful language.

If you have any questions, please email Cecilia Langill, Arts Student Engagement Officer, at cecilia.langill@ubc.ca