The University of British Columbia

• Two principal campuses located in Vancouver & Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada
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- 57,706 students (Vancouver: 49,372; Okanagan: 8,334)
- Over 275,000 alumni in 120 countries
- Ranked 31st in the world and 2nd in Canada by THE in 2013
- $12.7 billion in economic impact
- $519 million/year in research funding for 7,990 projects
- 153 companies spun off from UBC research
Agent of change for regional social and economic development

- Observation and understanding...
  - Regional innovation dynamics, using large and small urban urban contexts as contrasting “living labs”
  - Multi-layered, integrated mapping of home region from primary production to determinants of health

- Intervention and impact...
  - Policy, product, process design, implementation and evaluation in partnership with community actors
  - Non-metropolitan regions in urbanizing world as object

- Connection...
  - International research and education linkages
  - Multi-to-transdisciplinary knowledge creation and translation in highly absorptive communities