Commerce Scholars Program
Information Session
February 4, 2020
Introduction

• UG students get an enriched opportunity to study the research process under the mentorship of distinguished faculty mentors.

• Draws on research excellence and the reputation of the Sauder School of Business.

• Advances student future career and educational prospects.
Program Overview

• A Faculty/Student Mentorship partnership forged by you and your mentor

• A research assistantship appointment that includes $5000 paid to you over a two year period

• Attendance at the Faculty Research Seminar Series

• Participation in the CSP Research Conferences

• Commerce Scholar Designation on Transcript
Program Overview- Timeline

June 2020: Cohort of scholars selected
Sept 2020: Commerce Scholars Welcome Reception
Sept 2020: Research methods course COMM 311 (Term 1) (3 credits)
Fall 2020: Seminar series and mentor meetings begin
Jan – Aug 2021: Research Assistant appointment (approx. 200 hours);
   Time frame determined between faculty mentor and student;
   $5,000 for the RA work
April 2021: Mid-Program Review
Sept 2021: COMM 490 (Term 1 & 2 – September to April) (3 credits)
   Develop research proposal & attend research seminars
Nov 2021: Project proposal presentation
April 2022: Final-Program Review;
   Final research presentation and paper
Program Overview

Academic Requirements

• You will take a research methods course COMM 311 (3 credits) in the fall of the first program year;

• You will assume a mentor-supervised research assistant appointment;

• You will register for COMM 490 (3 credits) in Term 1 & 2 (September to April) of the second program year
  ➢ attend and engage in a series of monthly Scholars research seminars; and
  ➢ complete an individual research project that includes a presentation and final report.
Program Overview

Academic Requirements

You will be graded on the following:

**COMM 311** is graded like a normal course.

**Positive Scholar’s Progress Reports**

**COMM 490** is graded in sections as follow:

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Is the Commerce Scholars Program right for you?
Research Methods Course

- Fundamentals of scientific research
- Theory, research design, methods, and criticism
- Develop research questions and test your ideas
- Learn to evaluate other people’s research designs
Research Project

• Generate original research
• Topic developed by you with your faculty mentor
• Approach faculty members with whom you would like to work
• Perhaps even those who taught something you think was wrong
Admission Requirements

• Advancing to third year of B.Com program (or 4th year in case of co-op students);

• A minimum of a First Class Average 80% in all COMM 2XX with an overall strong academic record; and

• Successfully completed C290, 291, and 295.

• Attained a minimum of 76% or a “B+” in UBC ENGL 112 or acceptable equivalent course.
Admission Requirements

Selection Criteria:

• Think critically;

• Show strong motivation for research;

• Demonstrate creativity and potential for research;

• Demonstrate ability to work collaboratively and independently; and

• Agreement from a Sauder faculty member to have you work with them on a research project and mentor you as a Commerce Scholar.
Mid-Program Review

Review conducted by the Steering Committee in April 2021

- Committee check-in with Mentor
- Scholar’s available grades since entering the program
- Scholar’s Progress Report
Rules for non-residence

• Approval by Steering Committee

• For students graduating in 4 years, maximum period of non-residence is a single term (either 2nd term year 3 or summer between year 3 & 4)

• The scholars completing their degree in 5 years can request to substitute the year 4 residency requirement with year 5 with approval of the Committee
CSP Ambassadors

- **Evan Flater**, Internal Strategy Consultant, Mosaic Forest Management
- **Margaret Fong**, Ph.D. Candidate in Accounting, UC Berkeley
- **Bruno Lam**, Research and Advisory, Sauder S3i & Pacific Impact
- **Laura Lam**, Masters Student, Ryerson University; Director of Operations, The GOOD Chocolatier
- **Florence Lee**, User Experience Architect, ITHAKA (Michigan)
- **Jack Leung**, Senior Consultant, Deal Advisory at KPMG (Toronto)
- **Dennis Ma**, Ph.D. Student, OBHR, UBC Sauder School of Business
- **Stefanus Soegiarto**, Analyst, Coast Mountain Bus Company
- **Jessica Su**, Marketing Specialist, TELUS Health
- **Justin Yee**, Accountant, KPMG
Interested?
 Things to think about.

• One of the problems students face is over-extending themselves.

• Think carefully about time constraints.

• Take time to consider your involvement.

• Conduct research into whom you would like as your mentor and approach him/her well before you apply to ensure it will be a good fit.
Plan Ahead

• Read the questions required of you on the application (provided in the handouts).

• Contact CSP Ambassadors to discuss the benefits of the program

• Submit the NOI and contact potential mentors early
Application Process

• Notice of Intent (NOI) form opens on Feb 5, 2020.

• NOI Submission deadline: Feb 14, 2020

• On-line application opens on May 1, 2020.


Questions?

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