



# Commerce Scholars Program

**Information Session**

**February 8, 2023 | 4:00-5:00pm**


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# Program

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4:00	Welcome/Introduction	John Ries
4:05	Program Overview	CSP Steering Committee
4:30	CSP Alumni	Janice Lan, Stefanus Soegiarto, William Zheng
4:50	Q&A	
5:00	Closing remarks.	

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# CSP Steering Committee



**John Ries**

Senior Associate  
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Associate Professor,  
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# CSP Steering Committee



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# 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 2023:** Cohort of scholars selected

**Sept 2023:** Commerce Scholars Welcome Reception

**Sept 2023:** COMM 311 (Term 1 Sep to Dec) (3 credits) Research Theory Course

**Sept 2023:** Seminar series and mentor meetings begin

**Jan – Aug 2024:** Research Assistant appointment at salary \$5,000 (approx. 200 hours to be completed within B.C.); Time frame determined between faculty mentor and student

**April 2024:** Mid-Program Review

**Sept 2024:** COMM 490 (Term 1 & 2 – September to April)(3 credits)  
Develop research proposal & attend research seminars

**Nov 2024:** Project proposal presentation

**April 2025:** Final-Program Review; Final research presentation and paper

# Program Overview - Academic Requirements

- You will take a research theory 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 final presentation and a research paper



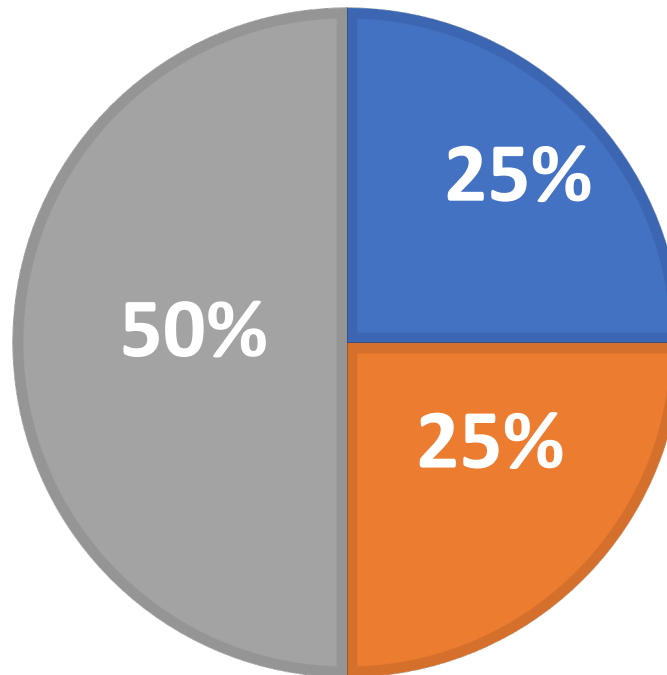
# Program Overview – Academic Requirements

You will be graded on the following:

- COMM 311 is graded like a normal course.
- Positive Scholar's Progress Reports and Active Learning

## COMM 490 IS GRADED IN SECTIONS:

■ Active Learning ■ Final Presentation ■ Research Project





**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 WRDS 150, 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 2024

- 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
- RA hours must be completed during periods when Scholar is in British Columbia

## CSP Ambassadors

**Evan Flater**, Senior Associate, Asset Management at Fiera Comox Partners

**Margaret Fong**, Assistant Professor, HEC Montréal

**Bruno Lam**, Senior Associate, TELUS Pollinator Fund for Good

**Laura Lam**, Ph.D. Student in Industrial Relations and Human Resources,  
University of Toronto.

**Florence Lee**, User Experience Architect, ITHAKA (Michigan)

**Jack Leung**, Management Consultant, AlixPartners (Toronto)

**Dennis Ma**, Ph.D. Student, OBHR, UBC Sauder School of Business

**Stefanus Soegiarto**, Workplace Management and Occupational Health Analyst,  
Coast Mountain Bus Company

**Jessica Su**, Tenant Support Worker at Lookout Society

**Justin Yee**, Senior Consultant, Deal Advisory (Transaction Service) KPMG

**Haishan Yuan**, Ph.D. student, International Business,  
Ivey Business School at Western University

## CSP Alumni in the room today



**Janice Lan**  
Associate Management  
Consultant



**Stefanus Soegiarto**  
Analyst, Coast Mountain  
Bus Company



**William Zheng**  
Predoctoral Fellow  
UBC

# 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 them well before you apply to ensure it will be a good fit.

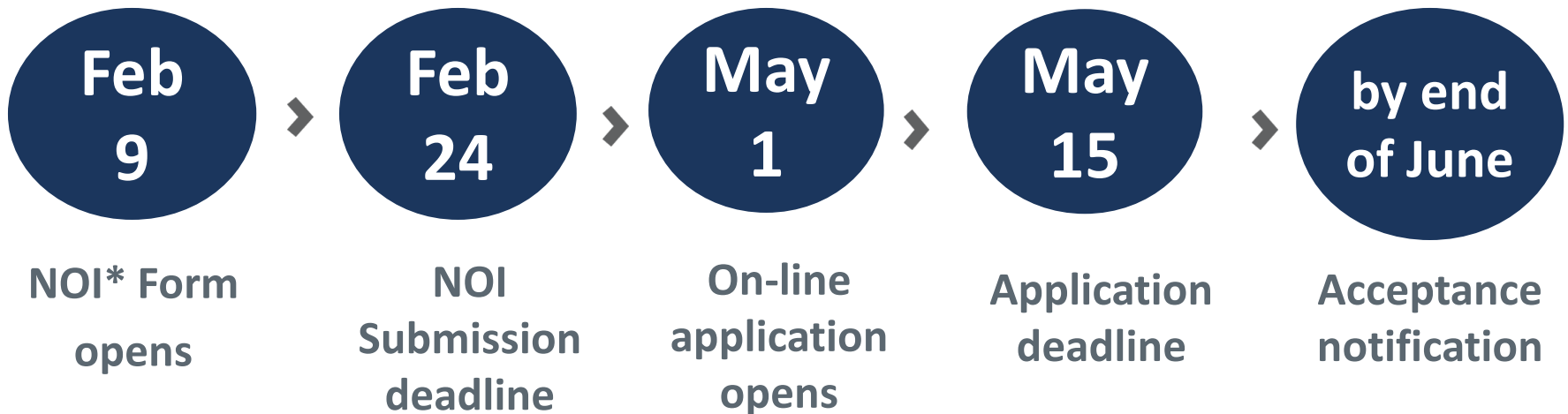


## Plan Ahead

- Read the questions required of you on the application (available on the CSP website)
- Contact CSP Ambassadors to discuss the benefits of the program
- Submit the NOI and contact potential mentors early



# Application Process



\*NOI – Notice of Intent

# Questions? Contact CSP administrator

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**Commerce Scholars general info page:**

<http://sauder.ubc.ca/csp>







**Thank you for joining us!**