



# FACULTY OF EDUCATION



## Dr. Tom Sork Senior Associate Dean International

Dr. Sork was appointed Senior Associate Dean in July, 2011. Before assuming this role, he was Associate Dean, External Programs and Learning Technologies for three years. He joined UBC in 1981 as a professor in the adult education program, where his teaching and writing continue to focus on educational planning and professional ethics. In 1997 he received a UBC Killam Teaching Prize, and in 2005 an honorary doctorate from Linköping University (Sweden) for his contributions to developing an award-winning online master's program between four universities spanning four continents—The Intercontinental Master's in Adult Learning and Global Change. He was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in 2008, and in 2012 he was designated 'Distinguished Professor' by the International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education in New Delhi, India.

## International Engagement

The Faculty of Education at UBC is achieving renown as a globally influential institution that excels at educating students, scholars, and professionals through diverse global perspectives. Reciprocal enrichment for students and faculty members remains a core value in delivering on the Faculty's commitment to International Engagement. UBC is consistently ranked within the top 50 universities globally.

## Student Mobility Agreements

Through its Go Global Office, UBC has student mobility agreements with 175 partner universities in 38 countries. These agreements encourage two-way exchanges of students for periods from one term to one year. Students remain enrolled in their home university and pay fees only to the home university. Coursework completed at the host university is recognized toward the degree requirements of the home university.

## Statements of Cooperation

UBC and the Faculty of Education sign Statements of Cooperation (MOUs) with other universities interested in various forms of scholarly collaboration. The typical Statement encourages the exchange of visiting scholars for study and research, student exchange programs, collaborative research projects, co-sponsorship of international conferences, and the collaborative offering of programs. A Statement of Cooperation is only an expression of intent, so the details of any collaboration must be worked out following the signing of the Statement.

## International Community Field Experience for Bachelor of Education (BEd) Students

UBC's teacher education program is a post-baccalaureate qualification that involves an extended practicum in BC schools but the shorter three-week Community Field Experience (CFE) can be spent in a school outside Canada. UBC and the Faculty of Education have agreements that allow CFE placements in many different countries. With approval, students may also initiate their own international CFE.

## Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Leadership in Higher Education

UBC offers a Certificate in Curriculum and Pedagogy in Higher Education designed for educational leaders (e.g., senior administrators, program directors, curriculum leaders, national and institutional teaching fellows) who wish to add a focus on the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) leadership to their professional roles, responsibilities and other research interests. This program is designed to help educational leaders critically analyze their approaches to curricula and pedagogical practices, and to develop research-informed, evidence-based plans for enhancing high quality student learning experiences and outcomes. Program graduates include educational leaders from universities in Australasia, China, Europe, UK, Middle East, North America, SE Asia and The West Indies.

## Research Collaborations and Conference Co-Sponsorships

Faculty members are engaged in research projects in many countries, some of which involve collaborations with colleagues at universities where the research is undertaken. The Faculty of Education encourages the development of bilateral and multi-lateral collaborative research projects on problems of wide interest. The Faculty of Education also co-sponsors international research conferences on a range of important topics with other universities and organizations.

## Collaborative Programs

UBC's first two online master's programs were developed collaboratively with universities outside Canada. The Master of Educational Technology (MET) program was originally developed in collaboration with a university in Mexico. The award-winning online Master's in Adult Learning and Global Change (ALGC) was developed collaboratively with universities in South Africa, Sweden and Australia. Other master's programs are offered wherein students transfer in coursework from universities in their home countries, then attend UBC for one year to complete UBC degree requirements.

UBC offers a collaborative Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate program with Ritsumeikan University in Japan. The Faculty of Education also recently developed, in collaboration with Moi University, a secondary education diploma program for teachers in the Dadaab refugee camp schools in Kenya as part of the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) project based at York University.

## International Baccalaureate (IB Educator Stream)

UBC's 12-month IB Educator stream within its Teacher Education program responds to the demand for globally-minded, reflective educators. Integrated throughout the program are inquiry-based learning plus a focus on indigenous perspectives and social and ecological justice. All candidates undertake coursework in teaching English and French as additional languages as well as working with diverse learners.

Throughout the year, IB-stream candidates participate in regular seminars with IB educators as they prepare for field experiences and practice in leading IB World schools in and around Vancouver and western Canada. Graduates receive not only a UBC Bachelor of Education but also an IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning for the Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme or Diploma Programme. Both credentials are recognized world-wide.

## Vancouver Summer Program (VSP)

The Faculty of Education participates in the Vancouver Summer Program, a four-week academic program offered by various Faculties in Vancouver for cohorts of students from partner universities. The program provides the opportunity to take two academic courses while learning about Canadian educational practices and culture.

## Visiting Faculty and Research Students

The Faculty of Education hosts faculty members and students from other countries who usually come to UBC for study leaves, to spend time with a particular researcher, and occasionally sit in on classes. Prospective visitors typically contact the person they wish to visit directly, but can also contact the Dean's Office for assistance in identifying someone with a particular area of expertise. The Faculty of Education also has an online research directory listing the research interests, projects, and recent publications of faculty members: [www.ogpr.educ.ubc.ca/faculty/directory](http://www.ogpr.educ.ubc.ca/faculty/directory).