

UBC SCPS Masters Internship/Practicum Requirements for Students Continuing Directly into the UBC PhD Program from the UBC MA Program

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A year-long (1600 hour) internship is required for all students in the UBC M.Ed, and M.A. programs. This is typically completed in the third year of Master's study after all coursework is completed. The MA thesis proposal must be approved before beginning internship for students in the MA program (see Masters Internship Document approved by SCPS Program Faculty November 23, 2006).

Some students may wish to apply to the PhD program and begin doctoral training directly after completion of their MA (note: completion of the UBC MA degree or its equivalent is required for all students admitted to the SCPS PhD program). Those students wishing to be considered for PhD study **directly** from their MA degree must submit a written request to the SCPS program faculty in the fall of their 2nd year of MA study to be recommended for the PhD track.

Students must submit this request to the SCPS program faculty, through their academic advisor/supervisors, no later than December 1st of their 2nd year of M.A. studies. Late applicants may be considered until February 15th on a case-by-case basis. The request should include a description of their interest in continuing on to the PhD program, initial goals for doctoral study, and a projected timeline for completion of their MA requirements.

Requests will be reviewed by the SCPS faculty. Students will be notified by February 15th as to whether the program faculty supports their request to continue with doctoral study in SCPS at UBC. If the student is recommended for the PhD track, they will need to formally apply to the PhD program by April 1st and request a January 1st start date. Students recommended for the PhD track will complete an intensive 6-week (250 hour) MA practicum in the fall of year three of their master's program (instead of the year-long master's internship in year three of the master's program). As students at UBC are not allowed to enroll in a master's and doctoral program concurrently, all master's degree requirements must be completed prior to beginning the PhD program in January of their third year of graduate study. This means that the thesis should be successfully defended and filed by the end of December or at the latest by the end of January. If the Master's thesis is not completed by January 31st, a deferral is not possible. Students who do not complete their MA thesis by January of their 3rd year of graduate study must reapply for admissions to the PhD program, and may be admitted for a May or September start date.