



# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## SENATE POLICY: J-54

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### Number & Title

J-54: *Admission for British Columbia Youth in Care*

### Effective Date:

For admission to the 2016 Winter Session and thereafter.

### Approval Date:

Approved by the *Okanagan Senate* on 25 February 2016 and by the *Vancouver Senate* on 17 February 2016.

### Review Date:

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years after approval and thereafter as deemed necessary by the *responsible committee*.

### Responsible Committee:

*Admissions Committee* of the *Vancouver Senate*; and  
*Admissions and Awards Committee* of the *Okanagan Senate*

### Authority:

*University Act:*

S. 37(1)

*“The academic governance of the university is vested in the senate and it has the following powers:*

*(b) to establish committees it considers necessary and, by 2/3 vote of its members present, to delegate to one or more committees those of its powers as it may determine;”*

*(c) to determine all questions relating to the academic and other qualifications required of applicants for admission as students to the university or any faculty,*

*and to determine in which faculty the students pursuing a course of study must register.”*

**Purpose and Goals:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism for flexibility, with respect to individual UBC faculty or school competitive admission cut-offs, for prospective students who are living or have lived as a *child in care* in British Columbia between the ages of 12 and 19.

**Applicability:**

This policy is applicable to any applicant to *direct-entry undergraduate programs* offered by faculties of the University who is a current or former *child in care* of the province of British Columbia, is a resident of British Columbia, and is either a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.

**Exclusions:**

None.

**Definitions:**

For the purposes of this policy:

*Child* shall mean a person under 19 years of age and includes a youth.

*Child in care* shall mean a child who is in the custody, care or guardianship of a director or a director of adoption.

*Designated Representative* shall mean a representative of the Nisga’a Lisims Government, a treaty first nation, an Indian band or aboriginal community designated in accordance with the *Child, Family and Community Service Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 527/95.

*Direct-entry undergraduate program* shall mean a course of study offered by the University leading to a degree to which applicants are generally admitted based primarily upon either their secondary school academic performance or transfer from a comparable program at another post-secondary institution.

*Director* shall mean a person designated by the Minister of Children and Family Development of British Columbia pursuant to s. 91 of the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 46.

*Guardianship* shall include the rights, duties and responsibilities of a parent.

*Temporary Custody Order* shall mean an order made under section 41 (1) (b) or (c), 42.2 (4) (b) or (c), 49 (7) (b) or (c) or 54.01 (9) (b) or (c) of the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 46, placing a child for a specified period in the custody of a director or another person, and includes any extension of or change to that order.

*Youth* shall mean a person who is 16 years of age or over but is under 19 years of age.

*Youth Agreement* shall mean a written agreement between a director and a youth pursuant to s. 12.2 of the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 46.

**Policy:**

1. UBC may consider applicants to *direct-entry undergraduate programs* under this policy who meet the University's [general admission requirements](#), but who do not meet the competitive admission cut-off set by the individual faculties and schools.
2. Applicants who wish to be considered under this admission category must indicate their eligibility upon application for admission to the University. Applicants will be considered on an individual basis by the applicable faculty or school. A number of factors indicative of personal readiness to succeed at UBC will be considered.
3. In order to be considered under this policy, applicants must fall within one or more of the following categories:
  - a. The applicant is or was in the continuing custody of a *director* or a *designated representative* in British Columbia for at least one year between the date the applicant turned 12 years of age and the date the applicant turned 19 years of age.
  - b. The applicant was in the *guardianship* of a *director* in British Columbia for at least one year between the date the applicant turned 12 years of age and the date the applicant turned 19 years of age.
  - c. The applicant was subject to a *youth agreement* in British Columbia on the day prior to the date that the applicant turned 19 years of age.
  - d. The applicant was subject to a *temporary custody order* in British Columbia for a period of three years or longer between the date the applicant turned 12 years of age and the date the applicant turned 19 years of age.

**Calendar Statement:**

**Admission for British Columbia Youth in Care**

UBC is dedicated to increasing access to, and participation in, post-secondary education for prospective students who are living or have lived as a child in care in British Columbia between the ages of 12 and 19 (see eligibility criteria below). UBC recognizes that a child in care may have faced challenges that may have impacted his or her education, and therefore provides a mechanism for flexibility with respect to competitive admission thresholds.

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For further information please contact [admissions.inquiry@ubc.ca](mailto:admissions.inquiry@ubc.ca)

### **Consultations:**

The following groups have been consulted during the development of this policy:

Faculty of Arts Vancouver  
Faculty of Science Vancouver  
Faculty of Applied Science Vancouver  
Faculty of Land and Food Systems Vancouver  
Sauder School of Business Vancouver  
School of Kinesiology Vancouver  
Faculty of Forestry Vancouver

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Okanagan  
Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies Okanagan  
Faculty of Health and Social Development Okanagan  
Faculty of Management Okanagan  
School of Engineering Okanagan

**History:**

This is the first version of this policy.

**Related Policies:**

[General Admissions Policies](#)

**Appendix:**

There is no appendix to this policy.

**Procedures:**

There are no procedures accompanying this policy.