Master of Urban Forestry Leadership (MUFL)

Lead the future of Urban Greening and Urban Forestry with UBC's Master of Urban Forestry Leadership.

What is MUFL?

UBC's Master of Urban Forestry Leadership (MUFL) is a unique, intensive 13-month, course-based master's program that prepares future leaders to shape sustainable cities. As the only program of its kind, MUFL offers an interdisciplinary education combining arboriculture, forestry, urban planning, and landscape architecture—building skills in strategic management, decision-making, and creative problem-solving to address the complex challenges of urban ecosystems. Delivered full-time and in-person at UBC's beautiful Point Grey campus, the MUFL program is where leadership in urban forestry begins.

Why Choose the MUFL Program?

Urban forestry is the discipline dedicated to planning, maintaining, and growing urban trees and greenspaces in harmony with human residents. Urban areas are rapidly expanding, and the need for skilled professionals in this field is in high demand. The MUFL program is ideal for early to mid-career professionals in fields like urban forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, and municipal planning. It is designed for individuals aiming to advance their leadership skills and tackle challenges in urban forest management, sustainability, and climate adaptation.

Develop invaluable skills in leadership and strategic management

Complex problems require creativity, decision-making, and strategic planning: MUFL is poised to develop creative leaders who understand how urban forests enhance cities and who can effectively oversee sustainable urban forestry projects.

Learn from (and with) the best in the field

Courses are taught by world-class faculty from UBC's Faculty of Forestry. Throughout the program, you will interact with and learn from international leaders in urban forestry, including representatives from governments, businesses, academia and non-profits.

What Will You Learn?

- Lead urban forestry programs and projects and support interdisciplinary teams.
- Assess the political, governance, legal, administrative, business, and cultural contexts of urban forestry.
- Analyze specific challenges and opportunities associated with growing trees and other vegetation in urban areas.
- Compile, use, and present information on key aspects of urban forestry.
- Engage and collaborate with communities and other partners in developing and implementing urban forestry programs and projects.
- Engage with professional urban forestry networks in both local, national and international contexts.



