



### **Three Tanglin students receive more than \$250,000 in UBC scholarships**

Over the past few years, Tanglin Trust School has established an excellent relationship with the University of British Columbia in Canada. Now, we are thrilled to highlight the amazing academic scholarships the university has awarded to three Tanglin students.

UBC is a prestigious university of world renown. Established in 1908, it has two main campuses: one in Vancouver and the other in Kelowna, in the Okanagan. It is one of the three biggest universities in Canada, with international students from more than 160 countries making up approximately 25% of the student body – and helping to create a diverse and dynamic community. It boasts many notable Alumni, including the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

We spoke to our scholarship-winning students to ask them what initially drew them to UBC, their future degree plans and the awards they have received.



**Roshni**

**“I was thrilled to discover the University of British Columbia has awarded me scholarships totalling more than \$100,000 – these consist of an International Major Entrance Scholarship, alongside two Outstanding International Student awards.**

I was first introduced to UBC when I attended a talk by one of their representatives

at Tanglin. I was looking to study computer science and the talk encouraged me to further investigate UBC as an option. That summer I took the “look and see” approach, and went to visit Canada. I really loved the country – it seemed very liveable and somewhere I could potentially enjoy for the duration of a four-year programme.

The school’s university guidance counsellors were on hand to guide me through the application process. Alongside my application to UBC, I also applied to universities in the UK and found there were two quite different approaches. The UK, in my opinion, has a more academic approach that includes a curriculum-focused personal statement. In the Canadian approach, there is more weight given to extra-curricular activities and what “soft skills” you have developed.

This may sound challenging, but it really is not for Tanglin students – at our school, we are always offered a holistic education. As a result of my time here, I was able to talk about leading the Hackathon, completing the NYAA Youth Leadership Development Programme, helping the community through the Deidre Lew Service Award – and competing in events such as the Scholars Cup and South East Asian Maths Competition. My involvement in these activities, alongside music and languages, allowed me to demonstrate a variety of skills developed beyond the curriculum.

The scholarships certainly reduce the cost of attending significantly. I am now looking forward to embarking on a course that will develop my computer and mathematical skills further, while taking advantage of the surrounding mountains and beautiful lakes that Canada has to offer.

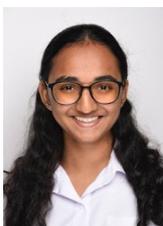


**Kae Rene**

**“I have received two scholarships from UBC, totalling \$85,000 – one of which is renewable annually. Both scholarships are awarded exclusively to international students.**

I first learnt about the university through my neighbour and his wife, who are both UBC Alumni. I was drawn to the Canadian university system for two reasons. The first is its co-op program, in which students get the chance to work in an industry related to their field, often alternating a semester of schooling with a semester of work. The second is the breadth of its academic programmes, which allows students to explore subjects outside their immediate area of study.

While I have been offered scholarships from other universities, none compare to the amount I have been offered by UBC, for which I am tremendously grateful. Furthermore, while I haven’t accepted their offer as yet, UBC has continually reached out to ensure I feel supported throughout the application process, and during this unpredictable time.”



**Suprita**

**“I was pleasantly surprised to find UBC has awarded me international entrance scholarships and outstanding international student awards totalling more than \$100,000.**

My desire to study at UBC was kindled after my friends' trip to Vancouver two years ago. After hearing about the beautiful campus at UBC and the wonderful surroundings Vancouver has to offer, I aspired to study my undergraduate programme at what is one of the world's most highly reputed universities.

I always wanted a career in allied health sciences related to sports, and I was looking at universities in the UK, Australia and Canada to find a course I loved in this field. I narrowed down my options to a three-year physiotherapy programme in the UK and a four-year kinesiology programme in Canada. After researching the course curriculum extensively and speaking to several professionals about the career prospects each one would afford me, the kinesiology programme at UBC became my preferred option. The sheer diversity at UBC and the flexible credit-based curriculum was something that appealed to me. Additionally, I found I could continue to pursue Spanish as a minor alongside my studies – something that was very important to me.

The application processes for the UK and Canada each had their own merits. The personal statement required for the UK university was more academia focused – I had to demonstrate how I had learned skills relating to the physiotherapy programme during my time at school. The application process for UBC was very different – and intimidating – at first. It involved a series of questions designed to test my learning as a student; my belief systems, goals and aspirations; my strength of character; and, perhaps most importantly, how I would be able to contribute to the UBC community at large. Having been well prepared by my teachers, I was able to share my learning across my experiences from sports, service activities and positional responsibilities at Tanglin, which I am truly grateful for.

I will be eternally thankful to my teachers at Tanglin for helping me achieve the scholarships and awards. Although I have never been to Canada, I am really very excited at the prospect of studying kinesiology at UBC. I hope to live up to the reputation of being a Tanglin student and continue to contribute to the community around me as I pursue my chosen career.”

**The University Guidance Faculty at Tanglin supports students with their college applications, wherever in the world they choose to study. The strength our relationships with universities around the world is a cornerstone to offering the best advice, and we hold memberships with a variety of international organisations so we can continue to foster and develop the network in support of all our students. We look forward to welcoming universities back onto campus again soon.**

If you would like to find out more about The University of British Columbia, please visit their website:  
<https://www.ubc.ca/prospective-students/>



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