area on the outskirts of the city, UVic is one of the nation's leading comprehensive universities. With more than a thousand world-class professors and a reputation for paving the way in innovative and interdisciplinary research, international students coming to the university are ensured a top-quality education.

Research areas the university is particularly recognized internationally for include global change and sustainability, oceans and climate studies, society and health, genomics and proteomics, as well as computational modeling and information processing all areas in which interested students, regardless of what level of study they're in, have a chance to take part in cutting-edge research and learning opportunities.

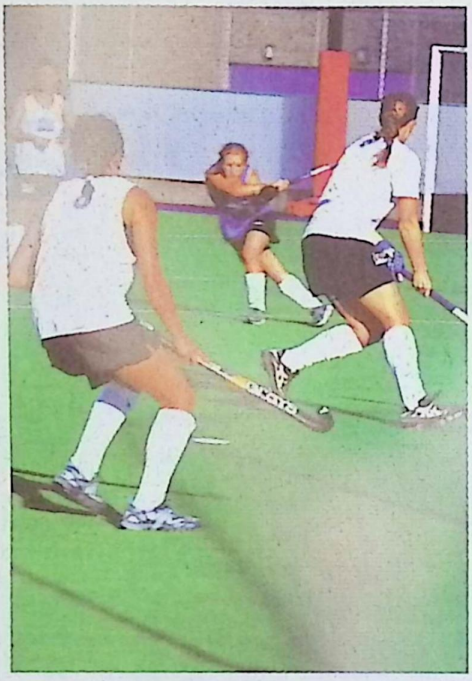
For those students interested in more directly career-related experiences as well, the university is home to the nation's third largest co-operative education (or "Co-op") program. Running since the 1970's, this program offers students the opportunity to learn and earn. Students receive academic credits for taking part in paid work semesters. Available to students in over 40 of UVic's different academic programs, Co-op is a great way to gain valuable job experience, to build up references for the future, and, in many cases, to kick start exciting careers!

Take German-born mechanical engineering student Georg Tuchlinski for example. During a recent UVic Co-op semester, he worked for prestigious automotive company BMW, back in Munich. Assisting with vibration tests on inline 6 Otto-cycle engines, Tuchlinski helped to ensure that they would provide the quietest rides possible.

"It was awesome," Tuchlinski says of the experience, "because other people aren't going to see these designs for years."

Whether you're interested in gaining work experience in Canada or abroad, Co-op is a way to do so. And, according to the university, many students are offered full-time employment after graduation with the companies they did Co-op with making it a great experience for future employment and career choices, as well as an opportunity for students to show potential employers what they're worth. In fact, Co-op is such a popular option, that one in four UVic students choose to take part in the program each year.

For the new international student arriving at UVic for the first time, however, the big decisions are more involved with the type of courses they want to take, and the type of accommodation they would like to obtain, rather than getting too wrapped up in what the future holds. Luckily for many, at least one of those decisions is made easier to ponder with residence accommodation being 100% guaranteed for all first-year students coming directly from high school. The university also provides the option of family housing, for those students interested in bringing along spouses and/or children, and for any



University of Victoria

"UVIC" QUICK FACTS

Location: Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia
City Population: 335,000
Number of international students: approx. 1600 each year
Distance from Vancouver: 100 km [2 hour ferry ride]
Distance from Seattle, Washington, USA: 100 km
[2 hour ferry ride]

AVERAGE COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (in CDN $)

Tuition	$15,119
Student Fees	$138
Books and Supplies (up to)	$1,700
Athletics and recreation	$150
Health and dental plan	$285
Bus pass	$139
Residence (including meal-plan)	$6,134 - $7,988
TOTAL	**$23,665 - $25,579**