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## EXTENDED CONFERENCE DEADLINES

### UBC TO SUPPORT BURSARIES FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

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#### *Extended Summer Seminar Deadlines*

With the strong interest in session proposal applications and the recent increased support of sponsored Summer Seminar bursaries, BCCIE will extend the upcoming proposal and bursary deadlines for Summer Seminar 2012.

- Session proposal deadline is extended to **March 31, 2012**.
- Bursary application deadline is extended to **April 30, 2012**.

We recommend you submit your proposal or application as soon as possible in the event that we surpass anticipated capacity.

The **University of British Columbia (UBC)** has generously provided sponsorship for six additional practitioner bursaries for BCCIE Summer Seminar 2012. Demonstrating their commitment to ensuring access to professional development for international educators across all sectors and regions, UBC's premium level sponsorship focuses on allowing six K-12 educators to take part in this year's conference.

Susan Allan, Manager, International Recruitment, looks forward to the partnership. "UBC is proud to support BCCIE and Summer Seminar 2012. UBC is committed to professional development in the field of international education and encourages the participation of colleagues in these opportunities. We recognize the important role of the K-12 sector in internationalization and the unique opportunities and challenges this sector presents," she says.

BCCIE Executive Director, Randall Martin, salutes the ongoing commitment of UBC to the field of international education. "UBC has been a BC leader and pioneer in the field of international education for many years. Their leaders have worked on our Board and their practitioners have been diligent participants of our events, missions and vocal supporters of BCCIE and the international education file for many years. Their generosity will ensure that K-12 colleagues who may not otherwise benefit from the expertise and networking opportunities of

Summer Seminar will be given the opportunity to meet new colleagues, develop new skills and contribute to the growth of international education in their districts, in BC and across Canada.”

**BCCIE Summer Seminar 2012** is Western Canada’s largest international education conference, bringing together upwards of 250 international educators and administrators from across Canada under the theme ***Global Pursuits, Local Endeavours***. The conference will feature up to 24 concurrent sessions covering topics of interest for international education professionals at all levels, including dedicated streams for international education leaders and newcomers to the field, as well as a number of high profile networking and pre-conference events.

Consistently ranked as one of the top 40 universities in the world, the **University of British Columbia** is a truly unique experience. At UBC, you are connected to ideas that win international recognition. You collaborate with some of the brightest minds from across Canada and over 140 countries. And you are inspired by the amazing geographic and cultural diversity that surrounds you every day. For more information about UBC, please visit [www.connectionsforlife.ubc.ca](http://www.connectionsforlife.ubc.ca).

To learn more and apply for a University of British Columbia sponsored bursary, visit: <http://ow.ly/7Lpa8>.

Find out about Summer Seminar 2012 sponsorship opportunities by visiting <http://ow.ly/7IGsZ> or submit your session proposal by visiting <http://ow.ly/8UgUx>.

Contact [seminar@bccie.bc.ca](mailto:seminar@bccie.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

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