

UBC Okanagan is now an accredited AGE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

UBCO has joined a global network of over 100 academic institutions who have formalized their commitment to 10 Age Friendly University principles (*see reverse*). Led by the Aging in Place research cluster and Dr. Jennifer Jakobi, the UBCO AFU team is working to implement innovative strategies to make educational resources accessible to learners of all ages, create more opportunity for intergenerational engagement and develop research programs informed by the needs of an aging society.



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To learn more about or become involved with the Aging in Place Research Cluster or UBCO Okanagan's Age Friendly University commitment please visit:

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Age Friendly University Principles

1. To encourage the participation of older adults in all the **core activities** of the university, including educational and research programs.
2. To promote personal and career development in the second half of life and to support those who wish to pursue "**second careers**".
3. To recognize the **range of educational needs** of older adults (from those who were early school-leavers through to those who wish to pursue Master's or PhD qualifications).
4. To promote **intergenerational learning** to facilitate the reciprocal sharing of expertise between learners of all ages.
5. To widen access to **online educational opportunities** for older adults to ensure a diversity of routes to participation.
6. To ensure that the university's **research agenda** is informed by the needs of an ageing society and to promote public discourse on how higher education can better respond to the varied interests and needs of older adults.
7. To increase the understanding of students of the **longevity dividend** and the increasing complexity and richness that ageing brings to our society.
8. To enhance access for older adults to the university's range of **health and wellness** programs and its **arts and cultural activities**.
9. To engage actively with the university's own **retired community**.
10. To ensure regular **dialogue** with organizations' representing the interests of the ageing population.