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VANCOUVER — University of British Columbia is creating a major new program for the study of economics, the Point Grey campus announced Wednesday.

UBC said in a news release it is expanding its economics department, adding “roughly 10 top global scholars” and 328 student spaces to create the Vancouver School of Economics.

The new venture, which is conditional on approval from the Ministry of Advanced Education, would commence in September 2013 and is described as “a new global centre for research and learning on the world’s most pressing economic issues.”

UBC's economics department at present has 700 undergraduate and graduate students and 50 faculty. As part of the expansion, the school will offer a four-year bachelor program that “will prepare students for leadership positions in the field of international economics.”

UBC's Sauder School of Business will be a supporting partner for the BIE, the release said..

“The program, which pairs international and domestic students together in small classes, will meet labour market demand for undergraduate level graduates with an in-depth understanding of global economics and commerce, and applied experience through research projects, exchange programs, internships and co-op placements,” UBC said.

“Vancouver School of Economics will expand UBC’s place as a global leader in economic policy,” professor Michael Devereux, the school’s inaugural director, said in the release. “This new centre will educate the next generation of global policy leaders – both those in Canada and other countries – and help to inform policy solutions for our challenging global economy.”

Annual tuition will be \$7,672 for domestic students and \$27,731 for international students, UBC said.

Tuition rates were developed in consultation with students, reflect the program’s quality and uniqueness, consider affordability and access for students, and compare with major global economics programs.

“This bold initiative will help us offer globally oriented training, build deeper relationships with alumni, provide great new research experiences for faculty and students, and expand UBC’s contribution to policy debates, locally, nationally and internationally,” Gage Averill, Dean of UBC’s Faculty of Arts, said in the release.

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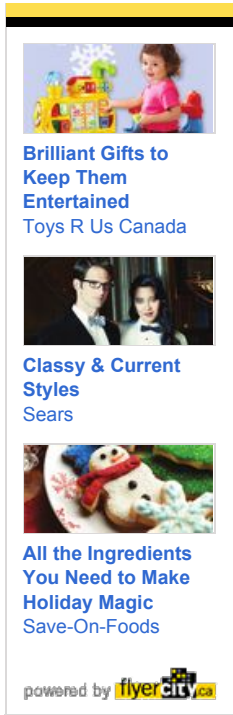
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