MA to PhD transfer

To be eligible for transfer, students must have completed one year of study in the master’s program with an A+ average (90% and higher) in 18 credits, of which at least 12 credits must be at the 500 level.

Students seeking to transfer from the MA to PhD program should submit an application package including the following materials:

* + 1. A letter of intent that includes a description of what the student expects to achieve in the PhD program. This should be submitted in January of the student’s second term.
    2. Evidence of research potential (e.g., dissertation proposal of ~15 pages, a completed small-scale study or an inquiry project).
    3. Three confidential academic letters of reference: i) One must be from a committed PhD supervisor; ii) one from either the MA supervisor (if different from the PhD supervisor) or a member of the prospective doctoral supervisory committee, and iii) one from a non-committee member. All reference letters are to be submitted by referees directly to the graduate program assistant (alya.zhukova.ubc.ca) by April 30.

The full application package should be sent by e-mail by April 30 to alya.zhukova.ubc.ca.

Transfers from the MA to PhD degree are only recommended in very exceptional cases. All transfers will be considered in relation to new doctoral applicants and department rankings established in February – April of the intake year.