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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *frontier*, the University of British Columbia's new journal of research.

As part of UBC's vision to "conduct outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world," we are proud to showcase some of the innovative research activities — and the minds behind them — in the pages that follow.

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The broad spectrum of disciplines across UBC mesh to create a unique environment for idea exchange and research collaboration that stimulates creativity and innovation. We are deeply committed to being an active and accessible member of local, national and international communities. This commitment, we believe, is evident through our participation in a variety of research ventures, from the sequencing of the SARS genome to addressing the changing face of global violence and championing human security in the 21st century.

The activities described in the pages that follow are just a few examples of the myriad of research activity taking place at UBC. I hope you find them to be of interest, and welcome your feedback.

Enjoy this first issue of *frontier*.

Dr. John Hepburn, Vice President Research

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