CREATIVE FUTURES SUMMER PROGRAM



FRASER INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE AT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SFU

JULY 18-27, 2027

VANCOUVER: NORTH AMERICA'S CREATIVE POWERHOUSE



#1
MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN NORTH AMERICA
Mercer, 2026

#1
HAPPIEST CITY IN NORTH AMERICA
Quality of Life's Happy City Index

Home to the World's Largest VFX & Animation Cluster

Discover the creative powerhouse behind blockbuster films, world-class animation and cutting-edge visual effects. Get inspired by industry talent, explore emerging technologies and see how your creativity can become a future career.

#3 Film & TV Production Hub in North America

Experience the city behind major film and television productions and discover how stories move from script to screen. Explore the creative ecosystem that supports global productions, from filmmaking and visual effects to post-production, animation, and digital media.



Discover Where Creativity Becomes Opportunity

British Columbia's creative sector generated C$7.4 billion in GDP in 2024. Experience university life at SFU, explore where art meets technology, and discover the possibilities of a future in the creative industries.

CREATE WHAT COMES NEXT

Discover the world of content creation, digital media, storytelling, and creative technologies through hands-on workshops, industry experiences, and two unforgettable weeks in Vancouver.

The Creative Futures Summer Program is a 10-day immersive experience for Year 10 and 11 students interested in media, storytelling, content creation, creative technology, and digital communication.

Based at Simon Fraser University, Canada's #1 comprehensive university, students will experience university life in Vancouver while exploring the world of creative media through industry visits, cultural experiences, hands-on projects, and specialized workshops, including learning opportunities at SFU's Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (FCAT) and SAE Institute Vancouver.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY



SFU alumni. Award-winning cinema. Global recognition.

SFU Film alumnus Jocelyn Chaput co-edited Fire of Love, which premiered at Sundance in 2022 and won the festival's Jonathan Oppenheim Editing Award.

Throughout the program, students can expect to:

- Develop creative media and communication skills through interactive workshops, studio experiences, and hands-on learning opportunities delivered in partnership with SAE Institute Vancouver, exploring areas such as audio production, digital storytelling, content creation, media production, and emerging creative technologies.
- Experience student life and culture in Canada through programming hosted at Simon Fraser University (SFU), including opportunities to explore the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (FCAT), industry visits, cultural excursions, city exploration, enrichment activities, and opportunities to connect with peers from around the world while exploring Vancouver's arts, media, technology, and creative sectors.
- Build a personalized Creative Futures Portfolio that captures their learning, projects, industry insights, and creative achievements throughout the program, providing a meaningful record of their experience, growth, and future potential.

#1
COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY IN CANADA
Maclean's University Rankings, 2027

#4
IN CANADA FOR COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA STUDIES
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

#14
IN THE WORLD FOR INNOVATION
WURI, 2026

200K+
ALUMNI IN OVER 145 COUNTRIES

10 **FACULTIES**

350+
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

3 **CAMPUSES**



SAE INSTITUTE VANCOUVER

Founded in 1976, SAE Institute is one of the world's leading creative media educators, with more than 50 campuses across more than 25 countries. Through its industry-focused approach and professional learning environments, SAE prepares students for future opportunities in audio, media, content creation, film, and creative technologies.

For more than 45 years, SAE Institute has been preparing the next generation of creative professionals through industry-focused education in:

- AUDIO PRODUCTION
- CONTENT CREATION
- DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS
- MUSIC BUSINESS
- FILM & MEDIA PRODUCTION
- CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Through a hands-on approach to learning, students gain exposure to professional equipment, industry-standard facilities, and experienced instructors who bring real-world expertise into the classroom.

CANADA'S
ONLY
AVID PRO TOOLS & ABLETON CERTIFIED TRAINING CENTRE

32
CHANNEL SSL ORIGIN RECORDING CONSOLE

50+
CAMPUSES WORLDWIDE

FOUNDED
1976



ABLETON MUSIC PRODUCTION WORKSHOP (9 HOURS):

Create and produce original music using Ableton Live, one of the world's leading digital audio workstations. Students will explore beat-making, audio editing, and the fundamentals of music production while working with industry-standard software.



FOLEY & SOUND DESIGN STUDIO EXPERIENCE (3 HOURS):

Step into a professional studio and discover how sound effects are created for film, television, gaming, and digital media. Students will record and perform Foley effects while learning how sound helps bring stories to life.



PROGRAM DETAILS

The Creative Futures Summer Program is a two-week immersive experience designed for high school students interested in media, communications, creative technology, and digital content creation.

Students will learn directly from industry professionals while gaining hands-on experience in professional studios, production spaces, and creative learning environments. Alongside technical skill development, participants will explore Vancouver's thriving creative industries and collaborate with peers from around the world on real-world creative projects.

Whether students are interested in podcasting, audio production, content creation, storytelling, media production, or creative entrepreneurship, this program provides a unique opportunity to explore future pathways in the creative industries.

Program Highlights

Students will participate in a variety of creative, industry, cultural, and student life experiences, including:

- 12 Hours of Interactive Creative Media & Communications Workshops
- 18 Hours of Industry Visits & Experiences
- Collaborative Creative Project Time
- 1 Full-Day Cultural Excursions
- 2 Half-Day Cultural Experiences
- Student Life & Evening Programming
- Welcome Reception & Closing Celebration







Learn Through Creation

Develop creative media and communication skills through hands-on workshops, studio experiences, and experiential learning opportunities delivered in partnership with SFU's Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology and SAE Institute Vancouver. Students will explore audio production, sound design, storytelling, content creation, and emerging creative technologies while learning by doing.

Explore the Creative Industries

Experience Vancouver's dynamic media, arts, and technology sectors through industry visits, professional studio experiences, guest speakers, and visits to creative production environments. Students will gain first-hand insight into how creative professionals bring ideas to life across multiple industries.

Collaborate, Create & Showcase

Work alongside peers from around the world on creative projects and challenges that encourage teamwork, innovation, communication, and problem-solving. The program culminates in a final showcase where students present their work and celebrate their achievements.

Experience Vancouver & Student Life

Discover one of Canada's most vibrant and creative cities through cultural excursions, city exploration, outdoor experiences, and student life programming hosted at Simon Fraser University (SFU). From Vancouver's waterfront and cultural districts to its natural landscapes, the city becomes an extension of the classroom.

By the end of the program, students will have gained practical creative skills, industry exposure, global connections, and a deeper understanding of future educational and career pathways within the creative industries.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Your Home Away From Home

Students will live in a modern residence on the Simon Fraser University campus, offering the ideal blend of independence, community, and convenience while experiencing life in Canada. With private bedrooms, shared lounges, outdoor gathering spaces, and easy access to campus amenities, students can relax, connect with friends, and immerse themselves in university life.

Residence Highlights

- Private single bedrooms in a modern residence environment
- Shared lounges and study spaces on each floor
- Outdoor gathering areas and green spaces
- High-speed Wi-Fi throughout the residence
- Laundry facilities and shared kitchen access
- Safe and supportive residential community

Live the University Experience

Live on the campus of a top-ranked Canadian university and experience university life firsthand. From residence living and campus activities to buffet-style dining and daily life on campus, students gain independence, build confidence, and develop valuable life skills. With a variety of dining options and more than 28,000 sq. ft. of dining space, including vegan, vegetarian, halal, and gluten-free choices, students enjoy the convenience and community of campus living every day.

Safe, Supported, and Connected

Students enjoy a welcoming and supportive environment with dedicated staff, supervised residence living, and SFU's 24/7 campus security presence. With academic, recreational, dining, and student amenities all within walking distance, students can enjoy the excitement of university life while parents have peace of mind knowing their child is supported every step of the way.



Examples of Program Experiences

The Creative Media & Communications Summer Program combines hands-on workshops, creative challenges, industry exposure, and cultural experiences designed to introduce students to the world of media, communications, audio production, digital storytelling, and creative technology.



INTERACTIVE LAB WORKSHOPS

- Audio Production & Music Creation
- Sound Design & Foley Effects
- Digital Content Creation
- Storytelling for Media & Communications
- Media Production Techniques
- Creative Technology & Emerging Media

INDUSTRY VISITS & EXPERIENCES

- SAE Institute Vancouver Facilities Tour
- Professional Studio Experiences
- Visits to Creative Media & Technology Labs
- Guest Speakers from Media & Creative Industries
- Creative Technology Demonstrations
- Interactive Media and Storytelling Activities
- Digital Media Research Labs



CULTURAL TRIPS

- Granville Island
- Stanley Park & English Bay
- Kitsilano Beach
- Deep Cove
- Lynn Canyon
- Steveston Village

EVENING PROGRAMMING

- Photo Scavenger Hunts
- Team Challenge Nights
- Capture the Flag
- Movie Nights
- Games, Competitions & Olympics-Style Activities
- Creative Community-Building Events

Program activities are subject to change based on instructor availability, industry partnerships, weather, and scheduling considerations.

Your All-Inclusive Program Fee Covers

- Program Tuition & Learning Materials
- University Residence Accommodation
- Full Meal Plan
- Airport Pick-Up & Drop-Off
- Transportation for All Scheduled Activities & Excursions
- Cultural Excursions & Industry Experiences
- Student Life Programming & Evening Activities
- Certificate of Participation
- GuardMe Health Insurance Coverage
- 24/7 KeepMeSAFE Counselling Services
- 24/7 On-Call Emergency Support
- Dedicated Program Staff & Supervision

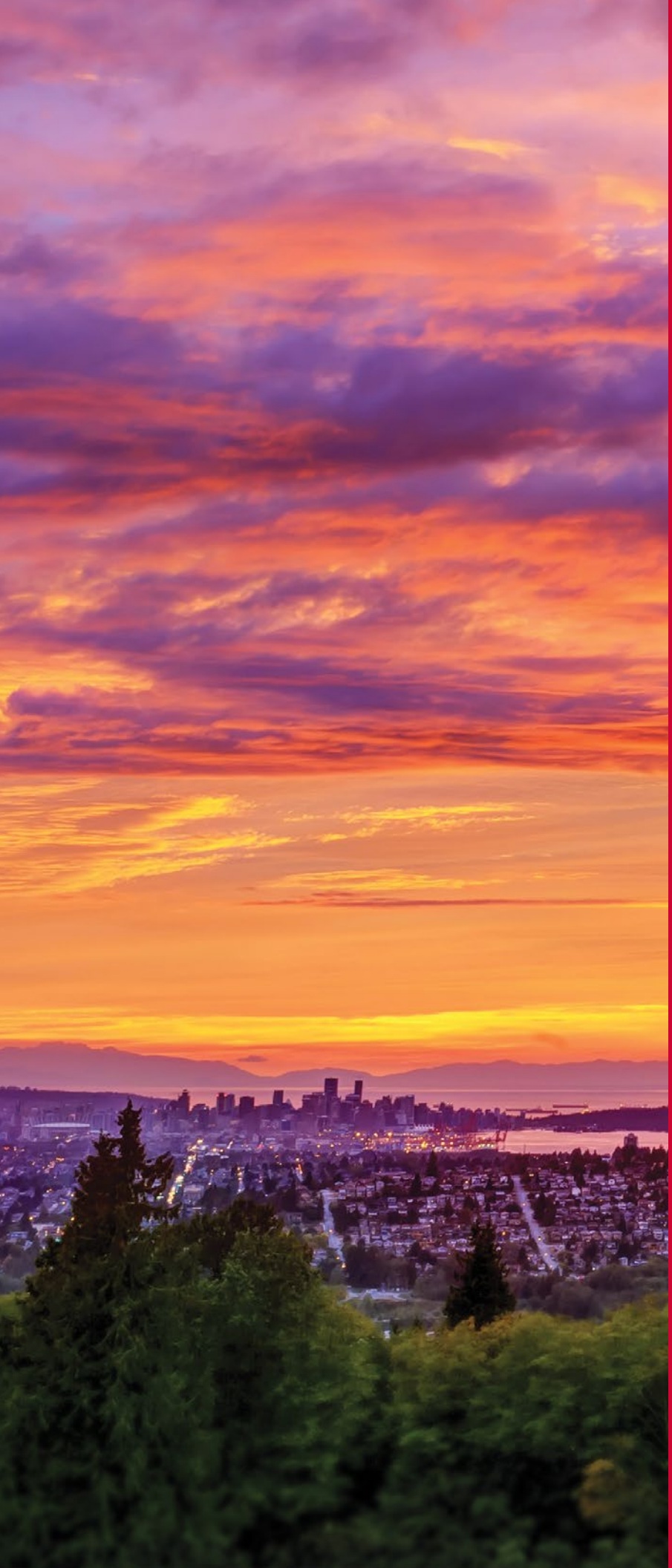
Your Sample Program Itinerary

	SUNDAY JULY 18	MONDAY JULY 19	TUESDAY JULY 20	WEDNESDAY JULY 21	THURSDAY JULY 22
0800 - 0900	**Breakfast**				
0900 - 1200	Arrival Day	**Industry Visits & Experiences**	Collaborative Creative Project Time	**Full Day Cultural Trip**	**SAE Institute Interactive Music Production Lab:** Ableton Workshop
1200 - 1300		**Lunch**			
1300 - 1700		**Industry Visits & Experiences**	**Industry Visits & Experiences**		
1700 - 1800	**Personal Time**				
1800 - 1900	**Dinner**				
1900 - 2100	**Program Welcome Reception**	Burnaby Mountain Park	Survivor Night	Movie Night	Capture the Flag
2200	**Lights Out**				

	FRIDAY JULY 23	SATURDAY JULY 24	SUNDAY JULY 25	MONDAY JULY 26	TUESDAY JULY 27
0800 - 0900	**Breakfast**				
0900 - 1200	**SAE Institute Interactive Sound Design Lab:** Foley Effects Workshop	**Half Day Cultural Trip**	Collaborative Creative Project Time	**Industry Visits & Experiences**	Departure Day
1200 - 1300		**Lunch**			
1300 - 1700		**Industry Visits & Experiences**	**Half Day Cultural Trip**	**Industry Visits & Experiences**	
1700 - 1800	**Personal Time**				
1800 - 1900	**Dinner**				
1900 - 2100	Trivia Night	Minute to Win It	Board Game Café	**Project Showcase & Celebration**	
2200	**Lights Out**				

* Student Choice Adventures may include both complimentary and optional paid activities, subject to availability and scheduling.

PROGRAM COST: $3,975 CAD PER STUDENT



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