

# Division of Plant Science fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Division of Plant Science fonds.** – 1954-1965.

2.4 m of textual records.

## Administrative History

The Division of Plant Science was established in 1955 when the Faculty of Agriculture was re-organized. At that time, the Division absorbed the plant science subjects of the Department of Agronomy, as well as the Department of Horticulture. The Faculty of Agriculture was then comprised of four departments and two divisions: the Departments of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Mechanics, Poultry Science and Soil Science, and the Divisions of Animal Science and Plant Science. In 1955, V.C. Brink became the chair of the division, and retained this post until 1970. During Brink's leadership of the division, the faculty expanded. In 1955, there were three professors of horticulture and two professors of agronomy. A sixth full-time faculty member was hired in 1960, and a seventh in 1962. A number of sessional lecturers were also hired. The division offered courses in agronomy, horticulture and plant science, and in 1964 plant protection courses were introduced. In 1963, a Master's Degree in Plant Science was offered, and in 1966, a Doctoral program was instituted. In response to increased enrolment and the availability of funds, a new building was constructed. The new complex, the present H.R. MacMillan Building, housed both the Faculty of Forestry and the Faculty of Agriculture. It was officially opened in July, 1967. In 1969, a new curriculum was introduced that contained thirteen graduate level courses. All courses offered by the division were now categorized under the heading of Plant Science. At that time, the division was renamed the Department of Plant Science.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of 10 volumes of purchase requisitions from 1954 to 1958, and a central office correspondence series from 1955 to 1965. The correspondence is informally arranged within a classification system that was inconsistently applied and developed until 1964. Two reference sheets for the subject classification system remain for 1956 and 1963 and are included in the first file for each of those two years. Many of the headings reflect the categories used by the Department of Agronomy. Intermingled with the files of the division are some of the faculty papers of V.C. Brink, the chair of the division. In 1964, the entire system appears to have broken down. From 1964 to 1970 all the division correspondence files were stored in unlabelled file folders the vast majority of which exhibited no internal coherence. Because of the presence of Brink's faculty papers in the files, and because of the absence of the division's classification system, the records from 1964 to 1970 have been arranged and described with Brink's personal

papers. For a complete understanding of the functions and activities of the division, these records must also be consulted.

### **Notes**

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University's FOIPOP Coordinator.

File list available.

Other related material can be found in the [Department of Agronomy fonds](#), [P.A. Boving fonds](#), the [G.G. Moe fonds](#), and the [V.C. Brink fonds](#).

## Series Descriptions

**Correspondence series.** -- 1955-1965.

2.32 m of textual materials.

Series consists of incoming and copies of outgoing correspondence with a variety of agricultural organizations and individuals, including federal and provincial departments of agriculture, the general public, prospective students and plant science departments of other universities. Also included are some invoices, job applications, and departmental committee reports. Interfiled with much of the division's correspondence are Brink's faculty papers that include student exams, lecture notes, letters of recommendations, research papers and data, and personal correspondence.

The series is arranged alphabetically in an informally developed and applied subject classification system that appears to be restarted each year. Because the system was not consistently used and applied, there may exist other titles of files that do not appear in the Appendix, and which can only be discovered by browsing through all the files for each year. Sometimes the same topic is referred to by varying titles. Subject headings contained in each box are listed with the box and file numbers.

Refer to [Appendix A](#) for a combined list of the classification system for the years 1956 and 1963, which reflects the system used throughout all years.

**UBC Purchase Requisitions series.** -- 1954-1958.

8 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of carbon copies of materials requisitioned by the division.

# File List

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A.1 Subject Files, 1955-56

Includes some personal correspondence of Brink from 1951, before he became chair of the division.

Box 1: 1-61, "A" - Miscellaneous

Box 2: 1-34, National Research Council - "X-Y-Z"

### A.2 Subject Files, 1956-58

Box 2: 35-84, "A" - "M"

Box 3: 1-30, Maps and Photos - "X-Y-Z"

### A.3 Subject Files, 1958-59

Box 3: 31-89, "A" - "R"

Box 4: 1-12, Registrar - "X-Y-Z"

### A.4 Subject Files, 1959-60

Box 4: 13-96, "A" - "X-Y-Z"

### A.5 Subject Files, 1960-62

Box 5: 1-83, "A" - Universities, General

### A.6 Subject Files, 1963-64

Box 6: 1-70, Accountant - Vancouver Natural History

### A.7 Subject Files, 1964-65

Box 6: 71-81, Books - Salaries and Wages

Box 6

## B. U.B.C. PURCHASE REQUISITIONS, 1954-1958

10 vols.

## APPENDIX A: CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

Not all subject classification headings are used in each chronological sequence. Sometimes other headings, or variations of these headings are used instead.

### "A" General

Accountant  
Agricultural Institute of Canada  
Agriculture 300  
Alumni Association  
American Society of Range Management  
Annual Reports

### "B" General

Barley Research Institute  
B.C. Department of Agriculture  
B.C. Federation of Agriculture  
B.C. Fertilizer & Poisons Board  
B.C. Government, Miscellaneous Departments  
B.C. Research Council  
Books, Bulletins, Publications, etc.  
Bookstore  
Botanical Gardens  
Brink, Dr., Personal  
Brink, Dr., Personal Bookstore Invoices  
Budget, Plant Science Division  
Buildings and Grounds  
Bursar

### "C" General

Calendar  
Canada Department of Agriculture (B.C.)  
Canada Department of Agriculture (Plant Science 300 Course)  
Canada Department of Agriculture ( Other Provinces)  
Canadian Forest Products Ltd.  
Canadian Seed Growers' Association  
Climatological Committee  
Committees (Notices of Committee Meetings see MEETINGS)  
Committee on Botanical Garden Policy  
Committee on Community and Regional Planning

Committee on Forest Research  
Committee on Land Utilization and Drainage  
Committee on Research  
Committee on Sports Turf Research  
Committees, Miscellaneous  
Courses, Student reading  
C.U.S.O., Canadian Universities Overseas Service

"D" General

Dean's Office, Faculty of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture  
Division of Plant Science  
Division of Plant Science, Appointments  
Division of Plant Science, Biographical Notes  
Division of Plant Science, Budget  
Division of Plant Science, Curriculum  
Division of Plant Science, Curriculum Vitae  
Division of Plant Science, General  
Division of Plant Science, Minutes  
Division of Plant Science, Order of Work  
Division of Plant Science, Physical Plant  
Division of Plant Science, Research  
Division of Plant Science, Staff (Non-Academic)

"E" General

Employment Opportunities & Enquiries  
Enquiries, Agriculture  
Enquiries, Employment  
Equipment & Supplies  
Exams, Marks Statistics  
Expense Accounts  
Extension Department

"F" General

Faculty Association  
Faculty of Agriculture  
Faculty of Agriculture, Sundry  
Faculty of Agriculture, Dean Eagles  
Faculty of Graduate Studies  
Faculty, Dean Gage



Faculty, Others  
Fisheries Research Board of Canada

"G" General  
Genetics  
Genetics Committee  
Greenhouse  
Greenhouse Memos, re: keys etc.

"H" General  
Honourary Bursar

"I" General  
Inventories

"J" General

"K" General

"L" General  
Library  
Lists

"M" General  
Manuscripts  
Maps and Photos  
Meetings, Notices of, etc.

"N" General  
National Research Council, Correspondence  
N.R.C., Reports etc. see Research Grants

"O" General  
Oyster River Farm

"P" General  
Personnel, Appointments, Faculty  
Personnel, Appointments, Research Assistants  
Personnel, General Correspondence  
Personnel Services

Personnel, Severences (Filed in Dean's Office)  
Plant Science 300  
President  
President, (U.B.C.)  
Purchasing  
Potatoe Market Report

"Q" General

"R" General  
Registrar  
Research  
Research Grants

"S" General  
Scholarships  
Seed, General Correspondence, Lists etc.  
Sigma Tau Upsilon  
Student Affairs  
Students, General Correspondence  
Students, Graduate Work, U.B.C., Enquiries  
Students, Graduate Work, U.B.C., Enrolled  
Student Recommendations

"T" General  
Time Tables  
Turf Conference

"U" General  
U.B.C. General  
Universities, American, General  
Universities, Canadian, General  
University Land Use, Development Fund  
University Research Farm #2  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

"V" General  
Vancouver Natural History Society

"W" General

Weather Station

"X-Y-Z" General