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Martin was raised in Scotland and completed his first degree in chemistry at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and then went on to study/research for his PhD in applied chemistry (bitumen upgrading) at the University of Calgary (Calgary, Alberta). He spent the next few years working in research interfacing with industry and ultimately ended up working for Imperial/Exxon. He returned to the University of Calgary and in 1999 moved into the VP (Research) portfolio as associate to the VPR and in 2000 became the director of Research Services. In 2005 he was promoted to associate VPR and was then recruited to UBC in Nov 2007.

Martin is a keen traveler, photographer, golfer, climber, hiker, backpacker, skier, an aspiring sailor and scuba diver. He has two sons Aidan (17) and Piran (15).