



## UBC SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR PROGRAM SUMMARY

### **Sustainability Coordinators help their units foster a culture of sustainability.**

Sustainability Coordinators (SCs) are UBC employees who dedicate **2-4 paid work hours per month** with supervisor approval to build relationships and increase sustainability knowledge capacity within their units and to encourage their colleagues to adopt sustainable actions in their workplaces and the UBC campus through peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing.

### **Background**

In December 2019, UBC's Board of Governors endorsed a declaration of the Climate Emergency joining over 1,700 jurisdictions around the world. At UBC, fostering a culture of sustainability is a top priority while recognizing and engaging principles of climate justice to address the climate crisis. The Sustainability Coordinators Program is an opportunity for employees to take collective action against climate change in their units and support UBC's Climate Action Plan 2030 and the UBC Climate Emergency Response.

### **Is the Sustainability Coordinators Program for you? Speak with your supervisor and [apply here](#) to:**

- Make an impact and create a more sustainable campus while contributing to broader goals of addressing climate change
- Gain valuable professional development to expand your expertise in sustainability to tackle tangible issues in your workplace
- Gain leadership experience by taking an active role within your unit and the broader UBC community. Coordinators promote sustainable practices, and advocate for climate action within their unit or department. This role allows for meaningful impact to support UBC's sustainability goals
- Build your professional network and connect with like-minded individuals
- Gain access tools, training materials, resources, and funding to support the implementation of sustainability projects and initiatives
- Attend workshops, recognition events and networking opportunities to expand your sustainability knowledge

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Develop an understanding of climate change and sustainability, such as sustainability principles, concepts, and frameworks while recognizing the environmental, social, and economic dimensions and their interconnections

2. Become familiar with the UBC Climate Action Plan 2030 goals outlined in the UBC Climate Action Plan 2030 and its focus areas such as energy efficiency, food systems, renewable energy, transportation and waste management
3. Develop an understanding of UBC's Climate Emergency Response- including UBC's commitment to carbon neutrality and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts
4. Identify the needs of your unit, relative to your role, and explore practical sustainability solutions to address problems
5. Develop skills in communicating sustainability to increase engagement with colleagues, students, and the wider university community in conveying the importance of sustainability practices and promoting climate action campaigns
6. Cultivate collaboration and develop leadership skills needed for the implementation of sustainability initiatives, including fostering cross-departmental collaboration, facilitation and contributing to decision-making processes