

SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Fall 2020

The UBC Sustainability Initiative (USI) is pleased to offer current UBC graduate students the opportunity to work on funded sustainability internship projects. Successful candidates work under the mentorship of a partner organization, and are immersed in real world learning where they can apply their research skills and contribute to advancing sustainability across the region.

Note: Projects must be completed remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Visit the [Sustainability Scholars Program website](#) to learn [how the program works](#) and to [apply](#).
- Be sure to review the [application guide](#) to confirm your eligibility before applying.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday September 20, 2020.

Research Project Title: Research to help advance the implementation of the University Climate Change Coalition (UC3) Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

Project Description & Overview:

UC3 is a coalition of research universities committed to climate action and cross-sector collaboration. In launching UC3, distinguished universities from the United States, Canada and Mexico committed to mobilizing their resources and expertise to accelerate local and regional climate action in partnership with businesses, cities and states, foundations, and other organizations.

Moving into the third year since the launch of the UC3 at the 2018 Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit, the Coalition has matured and refined its role as an accelerant of place-based climate solutions and a leading voice on the urgency of emissions mitigation and climate resilience actions. The development of the UC3 Strategic Plan represents an updated vision and trajectory for the Coalition, building upon its successes and lessons learned over the past two years from cross-sector forums, internal collaborations, and partnerships with local and regional stakeholders. Read more here: <https://secondnature.org/wp-content/uploads/UC3-Strategic-Plan-2020-2025.pdf>

UBC has recently assumed Presidential leadership of the coalition, and this Scholars project will support the recommendations to the UC3 steering committee of near-term priorities for the network. Read more here: <https://news.ubc.ca/2020/06/22/ubc-uc-announce-university-climate-change-coalition-leadership-transition/>

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Purpose of the Project:

The purpose of this project is to provide the UC3-UBC team with research that will inform implementation of the UC3 strategic plan priorities.

Scope of Work:

- Research related to the UC3 strategic plan goals at the campus, community and global scale
- Research and review relevant case studies and best practices for advancing selected areas of the UC3 strategic Plan (integrating findings from a member survey)
- Conduct a scan of relevant grant / foundation funding for cross-jurisdiction, multi lateral coalitions on climate and prioritize proposal development to access the funding
- Review online resources for Climate Literacy course content and options
- Evaluate the *UC3 Research to Policy* priorities (examining the barriers and opportunities).
- Research opportunities to leverage stimulus funding for COVID and Climate Action
- Mapping UC3 Collective impact opportunities (e.g., model and visualize data impacts of coalition universities cutting air emissions from commuting reductions by remote working, collective Divestment impacts)

Deliverables:

The Scholar will deliver:

- a final report containing a summary of their completed work and recommendations
- A final presentation to the UC3-UBC working group.
- A final report [or executive summary] for the UBC Sustainability Scholars online project library.

Time Commitment:

- This project will take 250 hours to complete.
- This project will be completed between September 21, 2020 and March 12, 2021
- The Scholar is to complete hours between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday, approximately 12 hours per week.

Required/preferred Skills and Background:

- ✓ Excellent spoken and written English
- ✓ Detail and research oriented
- ✓ Strong communication skills
- ✓ Background in governance and/or international experience
- ✓ Excellent research and writing skills
- ✓ Comfortable working independently
- ✓ Good time and project management skills
- ✓ Demonstrated interest in sustainability

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Apply here: <http://sustain.ubc.ca/scholarsapply>

Contact Karen Taylor at sustainability.scholars@ubc.ca if you have questions

Useful Resources

Below are some links to useful resources to help you with your resume and cover letter (there are many more online). Some of these resources also provide information on preparing for your interview.

Resume workshop for prospective Sustainability Scholars: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/resume-workshop-for-prospective-sustainability-scholars-tickets-117422877989>

<https://students.ubc.ca/career/career-resources/resumes-cover-letters-curricula-vitae>

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/graduate-pathways-success>

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/cover-letter-cv-resume-templates-ubc-career-services>