

SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Information Session

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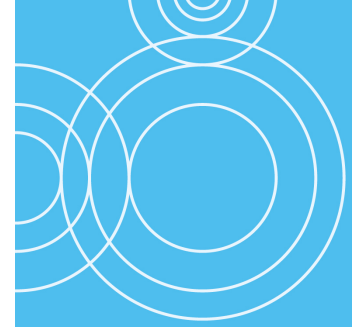
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Agenda

- Welcome
- About the Sustainability Scholars Program
 - Overview
 - Timeline
- Participating in the program: Partners, mentors, & scholars' perspectives
- Questions

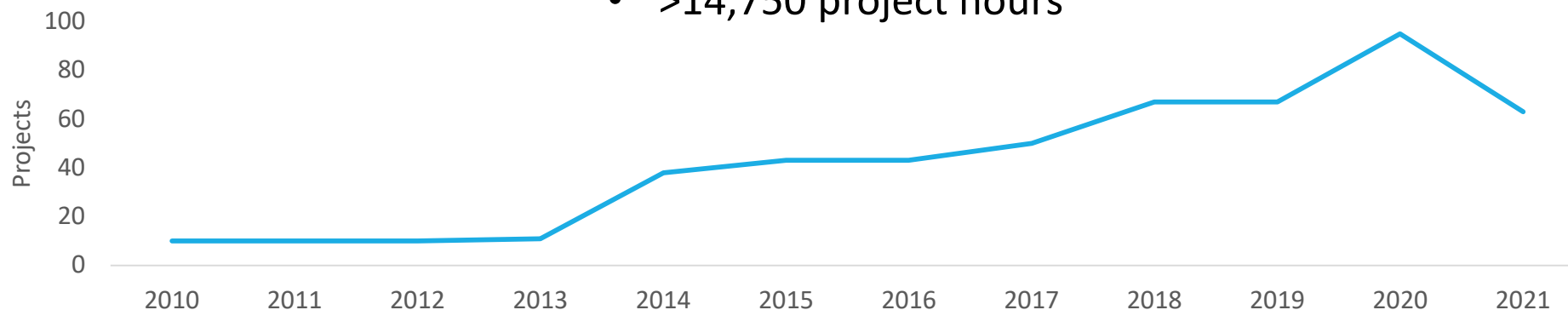
History



- Greenest City Scholars Program starts
- 10 projects
- 2,500 project hours

- Sustainability Scholars program pilot, 12 projects
- Greenest City Scholars Program, 59 projects to date
- >14,750 project hours

- 12th summer cohort
- 63 projects for summer 2021
- 507 projects since 2010
- >126,000 project hours



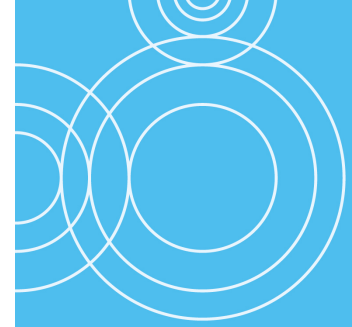


Program Goals

- Provide practical sustainability-related work experience to graduate students
- Support our partner organizations achieve their sustainability goals (shift the dial on sustainability)
- Actively integrate academic and operational sustainability work

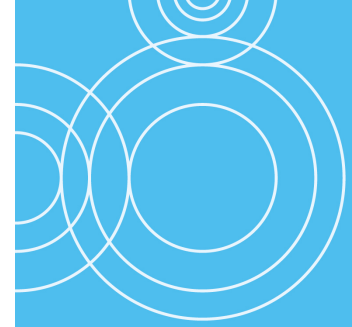
Summer 2021 Program: 63 Projects

- Atira Women's Resource Society
- BC Hydro
- Bowen Island Municipality
- City of Kamloops
- City of Kimberley
- City of New Westminster
- City of North Vancouver
- City of Prince George
- City of Richmond
- City of Vancouver
- Coastal First Nations
- Community Action Initiative
- Community Energy Association
- District of Central Saanich
- District of North Vancouver
- Integral Group
- Scius Advisory Inc.
- Township of Langley
- UBC
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada
- Zero Emissions Building Exchange (ZEBx)
- Metro Vancouver
- TransLink
- Vancouver Coastal Health



How it Works

- May 3 to August 13, 2021, 15 weeks
- 250 hours, approximately 17 hours/week
- \$6250 (\$25/hour)
- Employed by UBC
- Work under guidance of mentor
- Main deliverable is a project report in most cases
 - <http://sustain.ubc.ca/scholarslibrary>
- Sustainability-related applied research project



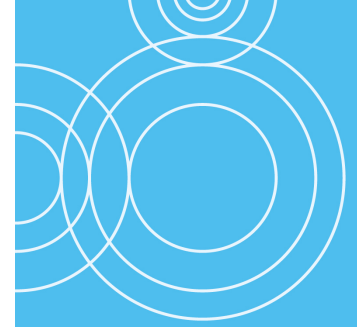


Professional Development

- Various workshops and guest speakers
 - Project Management/Time Management
 - Planning your Project
 - Leveraging your experience as a Scholar
 - What it's like to work in sustainability at the City of Vancouver
 - SDGs & Sustainability
 - Power & Privilege during a pandemic
- Public speaking opportunities
- Research to Action: Advancing Urban Sustainability conference

Eligibility Requirements

- Masters, JD, doctoral
- Current full-time UBC graduate student in good academic standing
- UBC-V and UBC-O grad students are welcome
- Valid work/study permit (expires after August 13, 2021)
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Canadian bank account
- Work is remote, but you must be physically located in Canada
- No other UBC employment that would put you over 40 hours/week





Applying to the Program

- Follow the instructions in the application guidelines
- Confirm you meet the eligibility requirements
- Carefully read the posting
- Modify your cover letter/resume for each position
- Provide contact info for two references (letters of reference not required)
- You may apply for more than one position



Resume Workshop January 21

Designed for prospective Sustainability Scholars to help you craft a strong application to the program.

January 21, 2021
5:00 – 6:30 pm (online)

<https://sustain.ubc.ca/scholars-events>

Rank order your preferred projects (max 6)

<input type="text" value="3"/>	2021-001 Post-Pandemic Resilient Community Planning with a Diversity and Equity Lens
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<input type="text"/>	2021-007 Geotechnical Analysis to Identify Potentially Hazardous Areas for Development on Bowen Island
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Application file upload

You must submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references for **each** project you are applying for. You may use the same references for each project. Do not include writing samples in your application. If a writing sample is required, please take it with you to the interview.

Save each application as **one PDF file** in the format: **Project number_First name_Last name.pdf** (e.g., 2021-005_Jenny_Smith.pdf).



Be sure to read the application guide and FAQ on the [APPLY page](#) to make sure your application contains everything we've asked for.

Please upload the PDF file for your **FIRST CHOICE** here:

Drop files or click here to upload

Confirmation page (no email)

Your application has been submitted.

Thank you for your interest in the UBC Sustainability Scholars Program! We wish you every success in your application to the program.

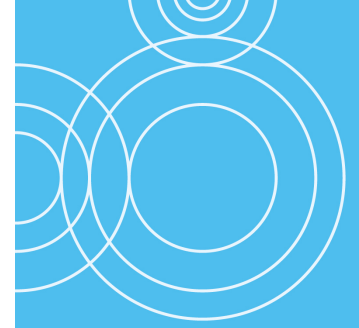
Your application will now be evaluated based on the project criteria. From there a shortlist will be established that will be forwarded to the Project Mentor to review. The Project Mentor will contact you directly if they wish to interview you. Successful candidates will then receive an email from the UBC Sustainability Scholars Program Manager informing them of the final decision.

Due to the large number of applications, we will only contact you if your application has been shortlisted. All applicants will be notified once all the positions have been filled.

Please direct inquiries to sustainability.scholars@ubc.ca

What happens to my application after I submit it?

- All applications are reviewed
- Shortlist sent to mentor
- Mentor sets up interviews
- Mentor confirms preferred candidate
- UBC sends offer letter
- All applicants notified once all opportunities filled





Key Dates

- **January 31:** postings close at midnight
- **Feb 9 - 26:** interviews and job offers
- **May 3 to August 13:** project work takes place (250 hours)
- **May 3:** program starts
- **May 3 & 10:** orientation & project management sessions
- **June 21/23:** mid-project check-ins
- **August 13:** final approved report due, program ends

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Thank you!

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