

## Summer 2021 Sustainability Scholars Program Internship Opportunity

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.

- 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 January 31, 2021.**

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### Research project title

A review of best practices for the development of resilience key performance indicators for local government and utility providers

### Project description

#### Overview:

The Metro Vancouver Board of Directors has endorsed the development of a Resilient Region Strategic Framework that will direct all Metro Vancouver staff to integrate resilience and social equity into their work. To support the implementation of this work, Metro Vancouver is seeking research to support the development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) across the range of Metro Vancouver's services and a wide breadth of resilience considerations including natural hazards, climate change, and local economic benefits.

#### Purpose of the Project:

The findings from this project will be used to inform and improve KPIs implemented across the organization to measure progress on achieving the objectives of the forthcoming *Resilient Region Strategic Framework*, expected to be completed in April, 2021.

### Deliverables

The Scholar will deliver the following key pieces of work:

- A literature review of approaches that local governments, utility providers, and housing providers have taken in measuring and benchmarking resilience, specific to the shocks and stresses as identified by Metro Vancouver
- Engagement with Metro Vancouver departments using relevant research methods (e.g. survey, workshop or interview) to discuss desired outcomes, areas of opportunity, limitations on data collection, etc.
- A summary report of engagement undertaken with Metro Vancouver departments
- A final report containing a summary of recommended best practices that could be applied to the work of Metro Vancouver informed by engagement with Metro Vancouver departments
- A final report or executive summary for the online Scholars Project Library

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## Time Commitment

- This project will take 250 hours to complete.
- This project must be completed between May 3 and August 13.
- The scholar is to complete hours between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, approximately 20 hours per week.

## Required/preferred Skills and Background

- Excellent research and writing skills
- Demonstrated interest in sustainability
- Experience conducting stakeholder engagement events, including facilitation skills, is an asset
- Familiarity with research methodologies and survey techniques
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work independently
- Project management and organizational skills
- Familiarity with resilience and social equity concepts
- Background in public policy or familiarity with the work of local government

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Apply here: [Click here to apply](#)

Contact Karen Taylor at [sustainability.scholars@ubc.ca](mailto:sustainability.scholars@ubc.ca) if you have questions

## Useful Resources

We are holding a special **resume preparation workshop for prospective Scholars** on January 19. [Click here for details and to register.](#)

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.

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

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

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