

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 March 7, 2021.

Research project title:

Evaluating a mental health and substance use education portal for clinicians

Project description

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has identified the need to provide a collation of mental health and substance use (MHSU) education and resources for direct-care staff across VCH, particularly for staff working in lower resourced rural/remote communities. To that end, a MHSU Portal has been developed to:

- 1.) Recognize the importance of supporting MHSU education in rural sites.
- 2.) Develop competence and confidence in coastal educators and other mid-level leaders to support and mentor clinicians.
- 3.) Disseminate evidence-based resources and tools to frontline nurses, coastal educators, and other mid-level leaders.

The portal will launch April 2021 and we require a Scholar to evaluate the efficacy of the implementation and uptake of this project across 6 communities: North Shore, Sea-to-Sky, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Bella Bella and Bella Coola.

Project Scope

The scholar will have the opportunity to engage with key stakeholders and frontline staff to understand:

- (a) the usability, relevance and reach of the MHSU Portal;
- (b) the adoption of MHSU information from the portal into clinical practice, and;
- (c) highlight gaps in the content available on the MHSU Portal.

Using an evidence-based evaluation framework of their choice (i.e. the CIHR Knowledge-to-Action framework; Theory of Diffusion of Innovation), the scholar will develop an evaluation plan, conduct the evaluation and provide recommendations to improve the MHSU Portal. Where time permits, the UBC scholar may assist with procuring additional MHSU resources. The UBC scholar will receive direction and support from the Coastal MHSU Clinical Planner and a Coastal MHSU Program Manager.

Deliverables

- A summary of the work completed including:
 - the selection of an evidence-based evaluation framework

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- an assessment of the reach, usability and relevance of the MHSU Portal to rural/remote staff using the selected framework (website metrics, survey tools, focus groups, etc.);
- identification of content gaps;
- recommendations for ongoing use.
- A 20-minute power-point presentation over Zoom to key stakeholders
- A final report or executive summary for the online Scholars Project Library
- Time permitting, a collection of additional MHSU resources to include in the portal.

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 Monday to Friday 0800-1600 (Pacific time) approximately 8-16 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
- Statistical analysis
- Excellent public speaking and presentation skills
- Community engagement experience
- Familiarity conducting focus group research
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work independently
- Deadline oriented
- Project management and organizational skills
- Familiarity with WordPress, Drupal, or other website content tools
- Demonstrated experience in the field of mental health and substance use
- Comfortable interacting with strangers to conduct public/in person surveys
- Criminal Record Check may be required [note that the successful candidate will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses to get a criminal record check done]

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

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.

<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>