

# SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## Information Session

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- About the Sustainability Scholars Program
  - Overview
  - Timeline
- Questions

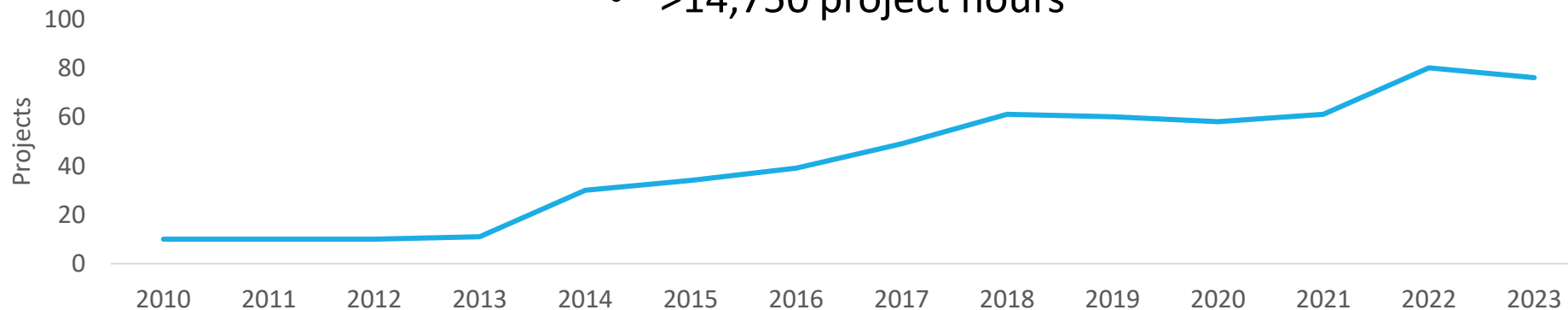
# History



- 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

- 14th summer cohort
- 76 projects for summer 2023
- 683 projects since 2010
- >170,000 project hours



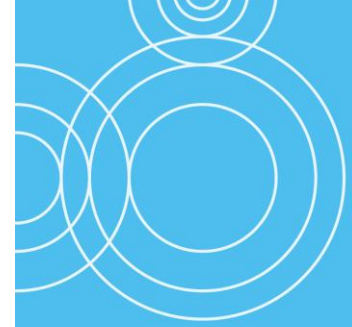


# Program Goals

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

# Summer 2023 Program: 76 Projects

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| BC Assembly of First Nations                            | False Creek Friends Society          | Rivershed Society of BC  |
| BC Council for International Cooperation                | Fraser Basin Council                 | Sierra Club BC   |
| BC Naturalists' Foundation                              | Province of BC                       | Smart Label Solutions Inc.                                     |
| Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association | Fraser River Discovery Centre        | Stó:lō Service Agency  |
| Bird Studies Canada                                     | Garden City Conservation Society     | Surfrider Foundation Canada Chapters                           |
| British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association         | Herschel Supply Company Ltd.         | Sustainability Hub   |
| Centre for Sustainable Food Systems @ UBC Farm          | IRSI                                 | Township of Langley  |
| City of Burnaby   | Islands Trust                        | TransLink  |
| City of New Westminster                                 | Resilient Waters                     | UBC Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (UBC DPLM) |
| City of North Vancouver                                 | Metro Vancouver                      | University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA)                    |
| City of Port Moody                                      | Museum of Vancouver                  | University of British Columbia                                 |
| City of Richmond  | Musqueam Indian Band                 | Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)                                 |
| City of Vancouver                                       | Other Sights for Artists' Projects   | World Wildlife Fund Canada                                     |
| CityHive Youth Engagement Society                       | PICS                                 | WWF-Canada   |
| Community Energy Association                            | Provincial Health Services Authority | Xeni Gwet'in First Nation Government                           |
| Emergency Planning Secretariat                          | Raincoast Conservation Foundation    | Young Naturalists' Clubs of British Columbia Society           |





# Fraser Estuary Research Collaborative

- AKA “FERC”
- Focused on advancing efforts to protect the Fraser River estuary in collaboration with key NGO and Indigenous partners
- Apply for these if you are interested in producing new knowledge and supporting Fraser estuary protection through scientific, technical, governance, and policy innovations.

# How it Works

- May 1 to August 15, 2023, 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
  - How projects have informed policy at the City of Vancouver
  - Career trajectories of former Scholars
- 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 15, 2023)
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Canadian bank account
- Work can be remote/hybrid, but you must be physically located in BC (except where stated)
- 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 23

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

**January 23, 2022**  
**5:00 – 6:30 pm (online)**

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



# Online Application Form

<https://sustain.ubc.ca/teaching-applied-learning/sustainability-scholars-program/apply>

# Rank order your preferred projects (max 6)

## Your Application

Please indicate the projects you are applying for in order of preference with "1" being your first choice. The first three projects you indicate will be the ones for which you need to submit a cover letter and resume. You will upload the application documents for your three preferred projects in the next step.

If you are not shortlisted for your first three choices, we may consider you for other projects. You can rank an additional 3 projects (up to a maximum of 6 projects) that you feel qualified for. You do not need to provide a resume or application materials for the additional ranked projects at this time. Click to write the question text

- 6 2023-001 Policy review to understand the challenges of establishing an urban marine park in False Creek
- 4 2023-002 Research to identify clean energy capacity building opportunities for remote communities in BC
- 2 2023-003 Best practices research to advance food growing initiatives in MURBS
- 1 2023-004 Promising practices research to inform development of a corporate sustainability strategy
- 3 2023-005 Best practices research to inform climate resilient guidelines for transit maintenance facilities
- 5 2023-006 Research to develop and evaluate an education course infused with Climate-Kind Pedagogy (CKP)

# File name protocol/Save as PDF

## 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., 2023-005\_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:

# Confirmation page

**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](mailto: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 29:** postings close at midnight
- **Feb 10 - 24:** most of the interviews and job offers take place
- **May 1:** program starts, orientation
- **May 1 to August 15:** project work takes place (~250 hours)
- **June 20/21:** mid-project check-ins
- **August 15:** final approved report due, program ends

# Why apply?

- Paid internship
- Part-time, supports studies
- Unique work-integrated learning experience
- Apply research skills to a real world sustainability challenge
- Contribute to sustainability across the region
- Work with a mentor
- Develop skills and knowledge
- Gain work experience
- Build a professional network





Questions?

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