

Summer 2023 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 on the Apply page to confirm your eligibility before applying.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday January 29, 2023.

Project title: Promising practices research to inform development of a corporate sustainability strategy for the Township of Langley

Project Background & Overview:

As anchor institutions and major employers in their communities, local governments have the opportunity to deliver economic, environmental, and social benefits through their corporate operations and internal business practices. This may include, but certainly is not limited to, reducing corporate emissions; eliminating and diverting waste in operating practices; implementing sustainable procurement practices; and inspiring social responsibility in employees. Recognizing such opportunities, and the opportunity to build on the Township's Climate Action Strategy goal of achieving zero emission corporate operations by 2040, the Township's award-winning Social Sustainability Strategy recommends the development of an integrated corporate sustainability strategy. As the eighth largest municipality in the Province of BC, and the fastest growing community in the region, the Township of Langley is well-positioned to build on its solid foundation and achieve further economic, environmental, and social benefits through its corporate operations and practices.

Project description

The purpose of this project is to undertake research and summarize key opportunities for local governments to deliver economic, environmental (including climate action), and social benefits through their corporate operations and internal business practices. This project will be used to inform the development of a corporate sustainability strategy for the Township of Langley, as recommended in the Township's Social Sustainability Strategy.

Project scope

The primary activities for the project involve researching and summarizing promising practices, using sources such as academic literature and other municipal strategies. The research and final report should consider the potential benefits (corporate and community) associated with developing an integrated corporate sustainability strategy, and a summary of different strategies to advance corporate sustainability (including climate action). For each identified strategy, the research and final report should consider the benefits of the strategy, potential implementation barriers, and tactics to successfully overcome those barriers, all within the local government context.

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Deliverables

- A final report containing a summary of the work completed
- A final report for the online public-facing [Scholars Project Library](#).

Time Commitment

- This project will take 250 hours to complete
- This project must be completed between May 1 to August 15, 2023
- The Scholar is to complete hours between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday, approximately 17 to 20 hours per week.

Required/preferred Skills and Background

- Excellent research and writing skills
- Demonstrated interest in sustainability
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work independently
- Interest in or experience with corporate sustainability, strategy development, an asset
- Experience researching and analysing policy, an asset

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

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

Useful Resources

We are holding a special **resume preparation workshop for prospective Scholars** on January 23, 2023. [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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