

## 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: Developing a strategy & engagement plan to increase clinician participation in sustainable healthcare

### **Project Background & Overview:**

The Energy and Environmental Sustainability (EES) team is a regional collaboration team that provides a service to Fraser Health, Providence Health Care, Provincial Health Services Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health. The EES team collaborates with clinical and non-clinical departments and staff to implement a regional approach to low-carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable health systems through planning, design, procurement, construction and operations.

In the last few years, there has been a noticeable increase in clinicians voicing their concerns about the environmental impacts of the health system, in particular, under the field/social movement of Planetary Health. EES and the BC Cancer Planetary Health Care Unit want to collaborate to increase clinician engagement and empowerment to take action. Physicians and nurses are well respected in the public eye and within the health care system and therefore have the agency that many other health-care staff don't have to be leaders and influence systems change.

### **Project description**

The purpose of the project is to increase our understanding of clinical staff desire to participate in planetary health measures in the workplace, and to create an engagement strategy considering existing channels and new ones.

The deliverables will support the EES Team and the BC Cancer Planetary Health Care Unit to engage and empower physicians and nurses. It is expected that we can use the outputs from the project to adjust current GreenCare and Green+Leader programming and/or to create new programming. Action for climate change will be a central part of the expected engagement strategy.

# SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## Project scope

The scope of the project includes a review of existing Planetary Health related clinical engagement efforts within the BC Health System and beyond. And will focus on physicians and nurses, including those that are already engaged and those who aren't.

Key questions that the Scholar will be asked to consider are:

- What do physicians and nurses know about existing efforts to participate?
- What desire is there to take action?
- What are the gaps and opportunities for clinical engagement?
- What is required to support clinicians take action? (Including human & financial resources)

The primary output of the project will be a strategy and action plan for clinician engagement including ideas for:

- Recruitment and marketing campaigns
- In person and online event
- Coaching and change management support
- Learning and training modules
- Stories and resources
- Budget and resourcing

## Deliverables

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

## 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.
- The scholar may be required to visit health care facilities to meet with clinical staff. This will be determined based on the context between May and August 2023.

## 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
- Ability to work independently
- Deadline oriented
- Project management and organizational skills
- Demonstrated experience in communications and/or education
- Comfortable interacting with strangers to conduct public/in person surveys

# SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Applications close **midnight Sunday January 29, 2023**

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 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>

<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/cover-letter-cv-resume-templates-ubc-career-services>