

Summer 2024 Sustainability Scholars Program Internship Opportunity

The UBC Sustainability Hub is pleased to offer current UBC graduate students the opportunity to work on sustainability internship projects. Successful candidates work under the guidance of a mentor from the partner organization, and are immersed in real world learning where they can apply their research skills and contribute to advancing sustainability across the region. These opportunities are paid. The pay rate for the summer 2024 program is \$27.50/hour or \$6,875 for a 250-hour project.

- 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 28, 2024.

Project title: Examination and gap analysis of sustainability educational opportunities in health-care

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.

The imperative to address climate change and its consequential effects on our populations has surged to the forefront of concern within our health-care institutions. Numerous opportunities currently exist to not only educate and empower our staff, but also to instill in them the capacity and initiative to drive meaningful action.

The primary objective of this research project is to assess the current landscape of educational and learning opportunities in sustainability for health-care staff, in the health-care sector in Canada. This research aims to identify gaps in existing educational materials and resources, paving the way for the development of targeted initiatives to enhance sustainability in the health-care sector. The selected student will be tasked with conducting a thorough scan of existing educational materials and resources relevant to sustainability in health care. Over four months, the student will engage in in-depth research, analyze available materials, and gather insights through interviews with professionals in the field.

Project scope

- **Literature & Material Review:** Conduct a thorough review of existing educational materials (videos, toolkits, playbooks etc.) on sustainability in health care within the Canadian context, that covers areas of focus for the EES team (browse our focus areas at <https://bcgreencare.ca/our-work/>)

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- Resource Scan: Identify available educational materials and resources, considering their relevance and target audience.
- Stakeholder Interviews: Engage with professionals and experts in the health-care sustainability sector in BC (and Ontario) through (6-8) interviews to gather firsthand insights and perspectives on sustainable health-care resources and educational opportunities
- A gap analysis, pinpointing areas where current resources are lacking and new educational materials are needed.
- Database Creation: Develop a comprehensive database to organize and store all analyzed content for easy accessibility and reference.

Deliverables

- Provide regular updates on project progress
- A comprehensive database comprising all analyzed content.
- A final report containing a summary of the work completed
- A final report for the online public-facing Scholars Project Library.
- Final presentation on findings to the EEES team

Time Commitment

- This project will take 250 hours to complete
- This project must be completed between May 1 to August 15, 2024
- The Scholars is to complete their 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
- 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
- Deadline oriented
- Project management and organizational skills
- Familiarity with sustainability topics pertinent to healthcare, an asset

Applications close **midnight Sunday January 28, 2024**

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, 2024. [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>