

## 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.**

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### > This is a Fraser Estuary Research Collaborative Project <

The [Fraser Estuary Research Collaborative](#) (FERC) is focussed on advancing efforts to protect the Fraser River estuary in collaboration with key NGO and Indigenous partners. If you are interested in producing new knowledge and supporting Fraser estuary protection through scientific, technical, governance and policy innovations, the following project might be for you.

**Successful candidates are expected to attend workshops and other events in the lower mainland in person.**

**Project topic: Research on and development of a public program of events centred on the significance of the Fraser Estuary**

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

Over the past eight years, [Other Sights](#) has been exploring water as a public space through a range of programs that engage with the complex jurisdictions and grey areas of the shoreline, the historical and cultural contexts of our local waterways and the metaphorical richness of floating as a critical position and starting point for artistic expression. Related projects include: The Foreshore, Currents and Waves and Sovereign Waterways, among several others.

This FERC Sustainability Scholar project, *Intertidal Kinning* (working title of the program of events), is an extension of this thematic and ongoing exploration. The project proposes to listen and learn from the land and water as well as the human and non-human kin of the Estuary. With the intention to inform, educate and mobilize support for a range of Fraser Estuary sustainability projects.

We are seeking a scholar to help bring to the fore a range of sustainability issues on the Fraser and to build awareness and interest, and to spur communities into action.

## **Project description**

The *Intertidal Kinning* (working title) event series will address the significance of the Fraser River Estuary in a dynamic and multi-faceted way. The program can contain a large array of types of engagements: protest marches, letter writing campaigns, debates, talks and lectures, foreshore walks, performances on the water, workshops on salmon tanning and charting migratory bird paths, podcasts on pollution and so much more. The Scholar is invited to take an intersectional approach to programming integrating science, art, Indigenous knowledge, music, environment, non-human voices – all of which will speak to the expansive and ever evolving estuary.

The Scholar will also have access to all Fraser Estuary Radio content, a 24hour radio program focused on the estuary. Some of these events could also potentially be recorded and integrated into the Estuary Radio program. The Scholar will also have opportunities to engage with their peers and collaborate on programming events.

But more importantly, we look forward to the Sustainability Scholar enriching the program with a range of perspectives and ideas that connect to the Fraser Estuary. Building context awareness on critical sustainable and ecological research is just as important as the science and innovation underway. Awareness furthers research and work by fostering new connections, ideas, and partnerships. This event series will continue to be actively promoted after its completion through recorded events that will be showcased on the [radio platform](#).

## **Project scope**

As this project and research is taken on, some useful questions to consider would be:

- How can this event series be used to mobilize people into action to support and protect Fraser Estuary, and other related research/artistic projects?
- Who are the audiences for these events?
- What stories aren't being told that should be?
- Are there Indigenous-led stewardship-related laws, regulations, policies, plans and programs that are at the forefront of adaptation and resilience, how can these initiatives be shared with local communities?
- What are some interdisciplinary and or experimental local or international approaches that are being used to galvanize public support and interest in relation to climate
- Adaptation and Resilience?

## **Approximate timeline**

May and June:

- research potential contributors, curate the themes for the series, determine the three-week event structure and the types of related engagements. This will include:
  - contacting artists, activists, other researchers, podcasters and other communities in order to secure participation and confirm the event program. Other Sights and the Blue Cabin will assist with contracting and payments for events as well as logistics.

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## July:

- develop event coordination and delivery plans in early July, content and program schedule will be reviewed by Other Sights and the Blue Cabin by mid-July.
- the first events of the series will start on the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.
- the scholar will also work on developing the written event descriptions, preparing the event content, event introductions and social media promotion.

## August:

- generate the event summary, assess and make recommendations on which events are best suited to continue onward in audio form on Other Sights' radio platform.
- finalize public report for the Scholars Project Library.

## Deliverables

- A short catalogue of the entire event series featuring short paragraphs on each event with bios of speakers or convenors
- A list of recommended events for Other Sights' radio platform
- A final report for the online public-facing [Scholars Project Library](#).

## Time Commitment

- This project will take 250 hours to complete, approximately 17-20 hrs per week.
- This project must be completed between May 1 to August 15, 2024
- The Scholars are expected to complete their hours between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday, with the exception of the events series dates from July 21 – August 10, where some evening or weekend hours may be required.
- Weekly check-in meetings (30min-1hr) required (time TBD based on student and org schedules)
- Participation in all planned events is expected (as we ideally would work with two scholars, this can be shared between the two scholars)

## 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
- Excellent public speaking and presentation skills
- Community engagement experience
- Ability to work independently
- Deadline oriented
- Project management and organizational skills
- Programming skills
- Familiarity with WordPress, Drupal, or other website content tools
- Design and layout skills
- Demonstrated experience in event planning (workshops talks, performances etc.)

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## Additional notes:

- The successful candidate must be able to attend events at the Blue Cabin which is located in Steveston, Richmond.
- The majority of this work will be remote with the student working from an office of their choosing. Occasional meetings may also take place at the Cabin in Steveston. Other Sights can provide funds for transportation (transit pass) if required.

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

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, 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>