

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: Case studies and policy guidelines for reusable food service ware at events and in cafeterias

Project Background & Overview:

Metro Vancouver is working to make reusable food service ware the default in the region to combat 1.3 billion of single-use items disposed annually. We are also working with our head office cafeteria to implement a reusable cup and container program.

Through this Scholars project, would like to understand best practices and lessons learned to inform the implementation and promotion of reusable food service ware at larger scale.

Project scope

- A literature review journal article, white paper, and/or credible institution report (10 credible sources)
 - Key aspects of the literature review include
 - Business benefits
 - Timelines for implementation
 - Barriers and enablers
- A local jurisdiction scan of businesses working on implementing these programs (20 locations)
 - Business benefits
 - Timelines for implementation
 - Barriers and enablers
- Detailed interviews with 10 locations (local if possible, but international if needed)
 - The interviews will verify desktop research and identify emerging trends that are not yet captured in literature and online resources.
- Development of 5 case studies:
 - Timeline to implement
 - Social and environmental benefits
 - Business benefits

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- Key onboarding strategies
- Lessons learned
- Development of 5 template policies for specific areas such as events, offices, catering, meal delivery, or restaurants based on findings.

Deliverables

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

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
- Familiarity with research methodologies and survey techniques
- Ability to work independently
- Deadline oriented
- Project management and organizational skills
- Familiarity with in procurement of green materials (supply chain logistics), an asset
- Comfortable interacting with strangers to conduct public/in person surveys
- Familiarity preparing feasibility studies, 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, 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>

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