

## UBC SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

### Summer 2018

#### Research Project Title

Building innovative regional and international sustainability collaborations (part time 250 hours)

#### Overview

The International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN) is comprised of members that commit to setting concrete targets against three sustainability principles, and to report transparently and regularly on their progress against those targets. Currently, more than 80 universities from more than 30 countries on 6 continents are represented in the network.

<http://www.international-sustainable-campus-network.org>

After successfully hosting the ISCN annual conference at UBC in 2017 (co-hosted with the City of Vancouver), we have an opportunity build on the momentum by showcasing the sustainability leadership in the region and helping ISCN leverage new network activities. In 2018 the UBC Sustainability Initiative has a new leadership role within the ISCN network in both governance and program development.

Many of the sustainability programs that UBC delivers can be replicated in universities around the world, and there is much to learn from our international peers. We are also exploring emerging opportunities with other universities and cities to enable many of these activities (and learnings) at the local and regional level

#### Objective

The purpose of this project is to:

1. Assist in the development of an updated ISCN Charter
2. Contribute to the creation of new programs for network members
3. Explore regional opportunities for research collaboration
4. Prepare a final report outlining the relevant research, tools and program opportunities for international engagement with ISCN members

#### Scope of the Project

The project will involve:

- Research best practices in the area of International Charter engagement processes
- Analyse and evaluate feedback gathered for input into the ISCN Charter update
- Conduct an environmental scan to understand which ISCN members are developing best practices in campus sustainability
- Assist in the development of new programs to be leveraged across the network and regionally
- Prepare final report

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**Deliverables:**

Final details of the project will be refined in consultation with the project mentor and will include but not be limited to:

- A report for the June 11-13, 2018 ISCN
- A report containing best practices research, a best practices review, the research methodology, and example case studies
- Program development documentation (as appropriate).
- A presentation of the findings to key stakeholders
- A final report for publication in the UBC Sustainability Scholars Program online project library.

**Work Schedule:**

- We have two positions available. One is approximately full time (500 hours), the other is part-time (250 hours). The number of hours are noted in the project title, please double check that you are applying for the correct position.
- The project must be completed between April 30 and August 10, 2018.
- The Scholar is to complete their hours between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. It is preferred that most work takes place in the UBC Sustainability Initiative office, however arrangements can be made for working offsite for a portion of the hours. The exact work schedule will be determined in discussion with the Scholar.

**Skills/Background:**

- Excellent research and writing skills
- Experience working with spreadsheet software, basic math skills, and ability to think logically are required
- Demonstrated interest in sustainability and/or wellbeing
- Detail oriented
- Self-motivated
- Good people skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience with data collection, statistics, and environmental impact assessment an asset but not a requirement
- Experience conducting in-person/expert interviews an asset
- Strong interviewing skills and familiarity with qualitative research methods and practices
- Ability to work independently

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