UVic Sustainability Scholars Program

Call for Proposals 2024

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Calling for partner proposals

Send us your Summer 2024 project proposals!

The UVic Sustainability Scholars Program is a paid internship that connects UVic graduate students with community, government, Indigenous, or not-for-profit partners to work on applied research projects that advance sustainability on Vancouver Island and coastal communities.

We work with you to scope and refine a strong research proposal that meets the graduate level and 250-hour requirements. We recruit graduate students from any discipline across UVic - all ready to engage with your sustainability challenge.

As a sustainability partner you will have the chance to interview and hire some of UVic's brightest, most engaged and motivated graduate students with innovative ideas and the research skills to accomplish the work you set out.

Partner with us!

Meet the moment.

Become a sustainability partner and benefit from graduate-level applied research skills, fresh ideas, leading-edge knowledge.

Mentor a future sustainability leader.

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Do you have a sustainability problem you need help with? Do you have an applied research project that moves you closer to your sustainability targets? Are you preparing for tomorrow's sustainability challenges?

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Pitch us your project and gain access to a diverse pool of talented UVic graduate students ready to contribute their ideas and expertise toward actionable solutions.

Deadline: November 1, 2023

sustainability-scholars@uvic.ca

How it works

We will:

- Advertise across UVic to find the right candidates for your project
- Take care of all recruitment-related administration
- Provide Scholar and mentor orientation training
- Support Scholars and mentors throughout project
- Manage payroll for you
- Cover program administration costs

You will:

- Interview from a shortlist of well-qualified candidates, check references, and select the best candidate for your project
- Identify a project mentor with the expertise to guide the project and Scholar
- Pay the Scholar's salary (see "Funding")
- Cover any additional project costs (e.g., special software license costs, travel costs, lab tests, equipment rentals, Indigenous honoraria, etc.)
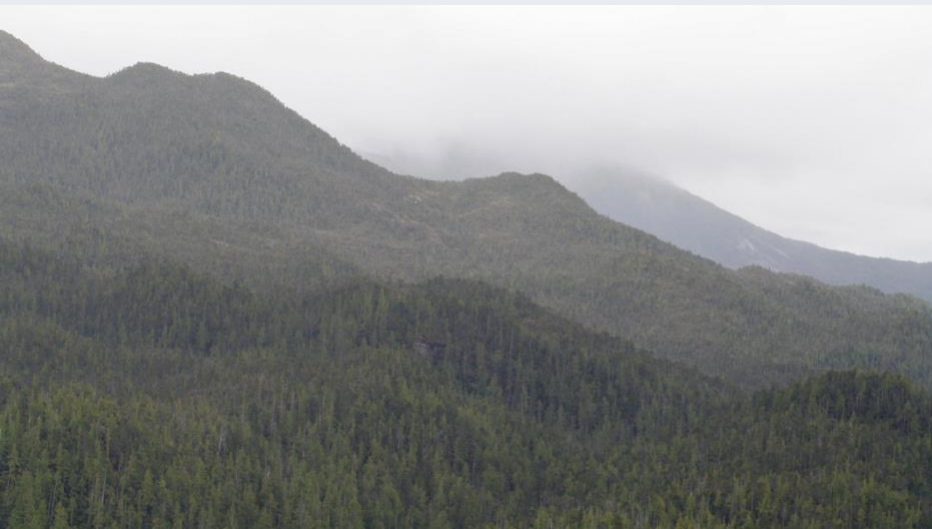

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Program Details

What to expect

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Timeline – the internship runs from May 1st to August 15th ~250 hours

Funding – partners pay the Scholar's salary (approx. $8,875 including benefits for the 250 hours) to UVic and we manage payroll. However, we also have salary funding available for up to 10 projects (prioritized for not-for-profit, Indigenous, community or non-governmental organizations). If you fit this profile and would like to have your project considered for full funding, please indicate this on the project proposal template.

Preferred projects – engage with sustainability challenges, broadly defined; offer meaningful and actionable work that will challenge Scholars at a graduate level; have an identified mentor with expertise relevant to the project to guide the Scholar; have deliverables that are manageable within the 250-hour term.

Contact us

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Get started

Please contact us to request a project proposal template to begin the process. We would be delighted to discuss your ideas for a project. If you are interested in partnering with us to advance your organization's sustainability goals, please get in touch!