

2024/2025 WORK STUDY PROGRAM

JOB POSTING

JOB TITLE: GEOG 2 - Undergraduate Lab Research Assistant, GIF Lab

DEPARTMENT NAME: GEOG

CONTACT NAME: Niiyokamigaabaw Deondre Smiles

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Geographic Indigenous Futures Collaboratory (GIF Lab) seeks applicants for a undergraduate research assistant position for the 2024-25 academic year.

The research assistant will work closely with the GIF Lab members on projects centered around Indigenous geographies and community-based research. The research assistant will have the opportunity to engage in both qualitative and quantitative data analysis, gaining valuable experience in interdisciplinary research methods. This position offers hands-on involvement in on-going collaborative projects with Indigenous nations in both B.C. and in the United States, providing an opportunity to contribute to meaningful research endeavours that impact Indigenous communities.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Assisting in literature reviews and background research on topics pertinent to ongoing projects.
- Contributing to the development of research materials and methodologies, ensuring cultural sensitivity and community engagement.
- Participating in community outreach activities, fostering relationships with Indigenous communities and stakeholders.
- Supporting the dissemination of research findings through presentations, reports, and publications.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled as an undergraduate student at UVic with a background in Geography, Indigenous studies, environmental science, or related fields. **Applicants do not need to be enrolled in the Geography Department to be considered.**
- Demonstrate an interest in Indigenous knowledge systems, community-based research, and social justice issues.
- Possess strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively within a team and engage with diverse stakeholders.

APPLICANTS MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK STUDY PROGRAM
For details go to: <http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/work-study/index.php>

- Experience in qualitative and quantitative research methods, including data collection and analysis is preferred, but not required.
- Respect for Indigenous cultures, traditions, and protocols, with a commitment to ethical research practices.

In accordance with the university's equity plan and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be limited to members of the following designated group: Indigenous Peoples. Our search committee will review the pool of applications from those who self-identify with this group. Candidates from this group must self-identify in their cover letter to be considered for this position.

JOB LOCATION ON-CAMPUS: GIF Lab, Department of Geography
B331 David Turpin Building/Online

WORK STUDY WAGE: \$18.50/hour (including 4% vacation pay)

HOURS AVAILABLE: 260
10 hours a week for 13 weeks during fall term, and
13 weeks during winter term (260 hours/yr).

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two academic or professional references to GIF Lab Director Niiyokamigaabaw Deondre Smiles via e-mail at dsmiles@uvic.ca, or via mail at the following address:

GIF Lab
C/O: Niiyokamigaabaw Deondre Smiles
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In your cover letter, please describe your interest in Indigenous geographies and community-led research, as well as relevant experience or coursework. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.