

UBC-Centre for Community Engaged Learning - Graduate Research Assistant

Pay rate: \$22.89 to \$27.47 per hour, depending on experience

Hours per week: 10 to 15

Length of term: Jan 15, 2014 to April 4, 2014

Apply to: Holly Schmidt (holly.schmidt@ubc.ca)

The UBC-Centre for Community Engaged Learning is looking for a research assistant (RA) to work with the Community Based Experiential Learning in Applied Science to assist with the coordination of CIVL 202 (Introduction to Civil Engineering practice) and CIVL 300 (Construction Engineering and Management) community service projects in term 2.

Background: Community-based experiential learning (CBEL) is a pedagogical approach in which students apply their academic learning while working with community-based partners to address community-identified priorities. CBEL enhances students' academic learning and their capacity for global citizenship, while strengthening civil society and advancing sustainability. CBEL is one of the enriched educational experiences that are highlighted in UBC's Place and Promise strategic plan.

Role: The GRA will work directly with the CBEL Officer in Applied Science. The GRA will be an active participant in the on-going coordination and monitoring of the CIVL 202 community service projects being conducted with mentoring support from CHBE 573 (Sustainability Leadership in Education) students.

Duties:

The GRA may be asked to assist in the following activities:

- Coordination of student teams, partners and graduate student mentors
- Respond to inquiries regarding community service projects from all of these stakeholders
- Monitor and document community service activities
- Connect with community partners to ensure projects are on track
- Data collection on the community service projects for CBEL online database
- Reports for internal use within the UBC-CCEL: including lessons learned, next steps, information sheets
- Conduct secondary research on relevant topics in engineering education

The GRA will meet on a weekly basis with the CBEL Officer. During these meetings updates will be provided and the next steps collaboratively defined.

Qualifications

1. Currently pursuing a graduate degree in a relevant discipline (Education, Engineering Education).
2. Previous experience with Adult /higher education an asset.
3. Previous experience working with community an asset.
4. Previous experience conducting literature reviews an asset.

All of the work of the UBC- Centre Community Engaged Learning involves community engagement; having an understanding of community-university relationships is therefore, an asset.

Please apply with a resume and cover letter to Holly Schmidt by January 10, 2014.

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