

# UBC's Community Field Experience EDUC 430 - **Secondary**

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# Presentation objectives

- What is a CFE?
- Why a CFE?
- Where can I do a CFE?
- When is the CFE scheduled?
- How do I register for my CFE?
- When do I register?
- How am I assigned a CFE?

*UBC teacher candidate hiking  
near Prince Rupert*

What is a CFE?

# CFE in a Nutshell

- 3 week volunteer (unpaid) field experience
- Teacher candidate helps partner meet their educational objectives
- Teacher candidate observes, engages, assists, reflects upon, and learns about non-traditional forms of teaching and learning



*UBC teacher candidates tanning their own hide at Our Ecovillage*

# Development of the UBC CFE

- “Extended Practicum Beyond the Classroom Option” (since 2004)
- 2011-12, Pilot Program
- 2012-13, *Enhanced Practicum* for all TCs
- 2013-15, *Community Field Experience*



Monterrey Tech Staff and UBC students  
Zacetecas, Mexico

# Why a CFE?



# Community Field Experience (CFE)

Research finds that “non-formal” educational involvement helps teacher candidates develop a broader, more holistic view of education than practica limited to classroom settings.





# What teacher candidates say they learned through the CFE

64 students voluntarily reported:



95% - The CFE has influenced the way I see myself as a teacher



*Leading a class  
into Husan  
Caves  
Zeballos, BC*

85% - The CFE has increased my willingness to push myself beyond my comfort zone



Gardening Program  
OUR Ecovillage



# The CFE helped improve/increase:

Leadership skills (95%)

Local Connections skills (89%)

Communication Skills (82%)

Self Confidence (82%)

# The CFE Experience...Student Reflections



“From my [Haida Gwaii CFE] experience I feel so much more confident and enthusiastic about starting to build community with local and national Indigenous cultures. This is something I struggled with dearly in my practicum, and I am really thankful for the opportunity to learn from the teachers and students at Sk’aadgaa Naay Elementary”.

Noemi MacGarvie, 2014 Elementary TC



# The CFE Experience...Student Reflections

“Teaching at the SOS Village in Mbabane, Swaziland is one of those once in a lifetime opportunities that does not come along very often. I seized this amazing opportunity and am so glad that I did. Not only do you learn about another culture but being welcomed into the SOS Village with open arms and the relationships that you make with these inspirational children is something that I hold very dear to my heart. It was an experience that I will look fondly back on for the rest of my life”.

- Laura S, 2013 Elementary TC



# The CFE Experience...Student Reflections

“Last Friday I was offered, and accepted, a .71 teaching position at Peter Skene Ogden Secondary in 100 Mile House! I have no doubt that a major reason I was hired for this position was that I spent my CFE in the Cariboo region and had the chance to meet, speak with, and be observed by members of the district”.

Heather, 2014 Secondary TC





And now a word from  
several of our partners...

Susan Gerofsky - UBC Orchard Gardens

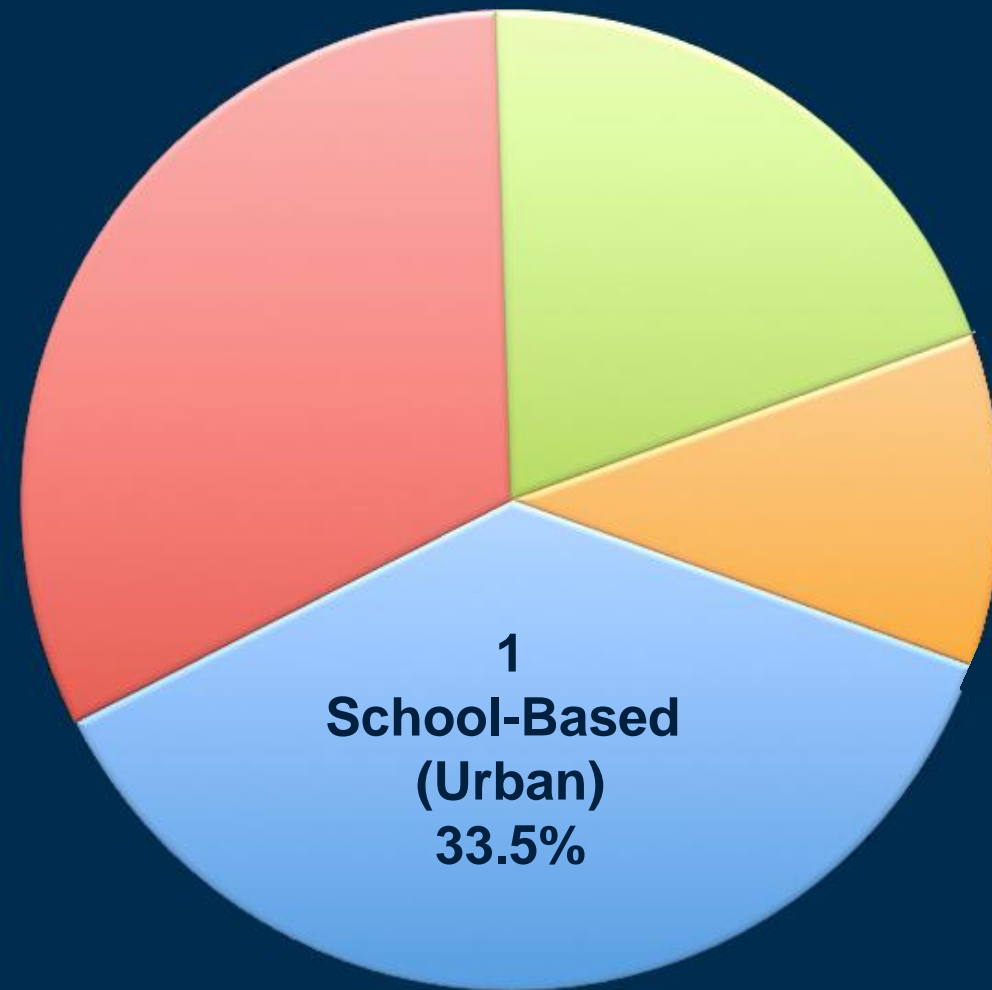
Hartley Banack – Wild About Vancouver

Paige O’Connell – Rick Hansen School Program



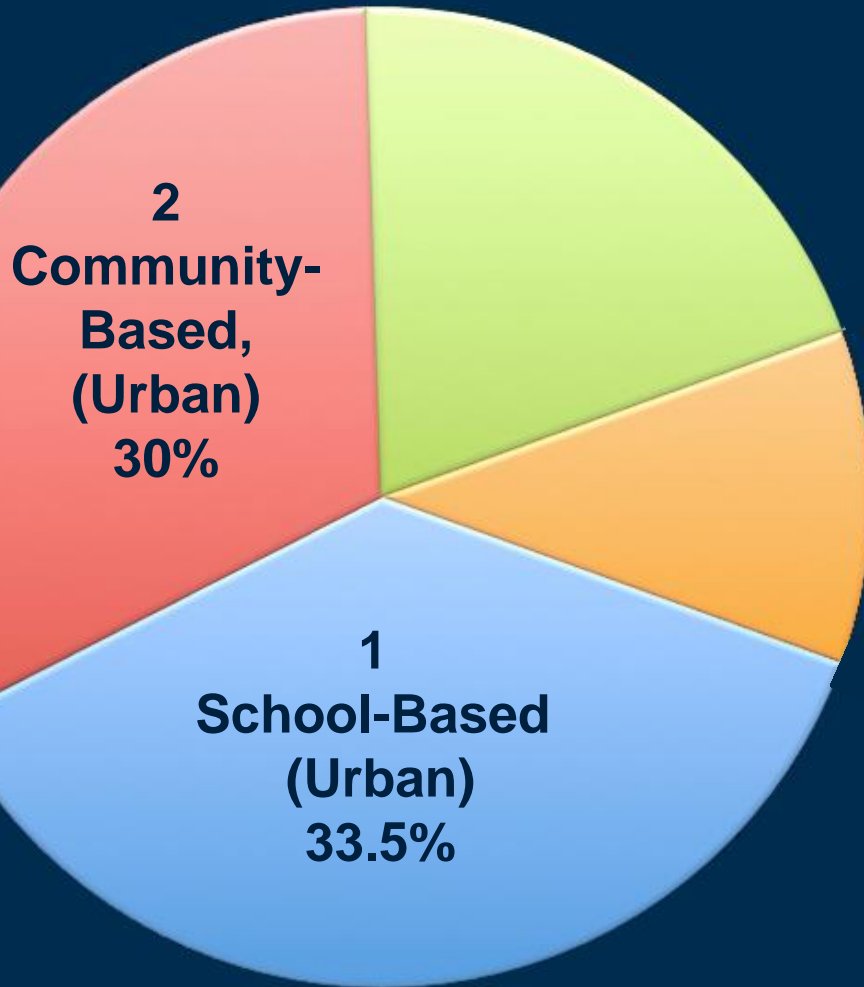
Where can I do my CFE?

# 2015 CFE Placements by Location



- teacher librarians,
- counselors,
- community workers,
- working with disadvantaged youth,
- ESL workers,
- language specialist,
- music programs,
- etc.

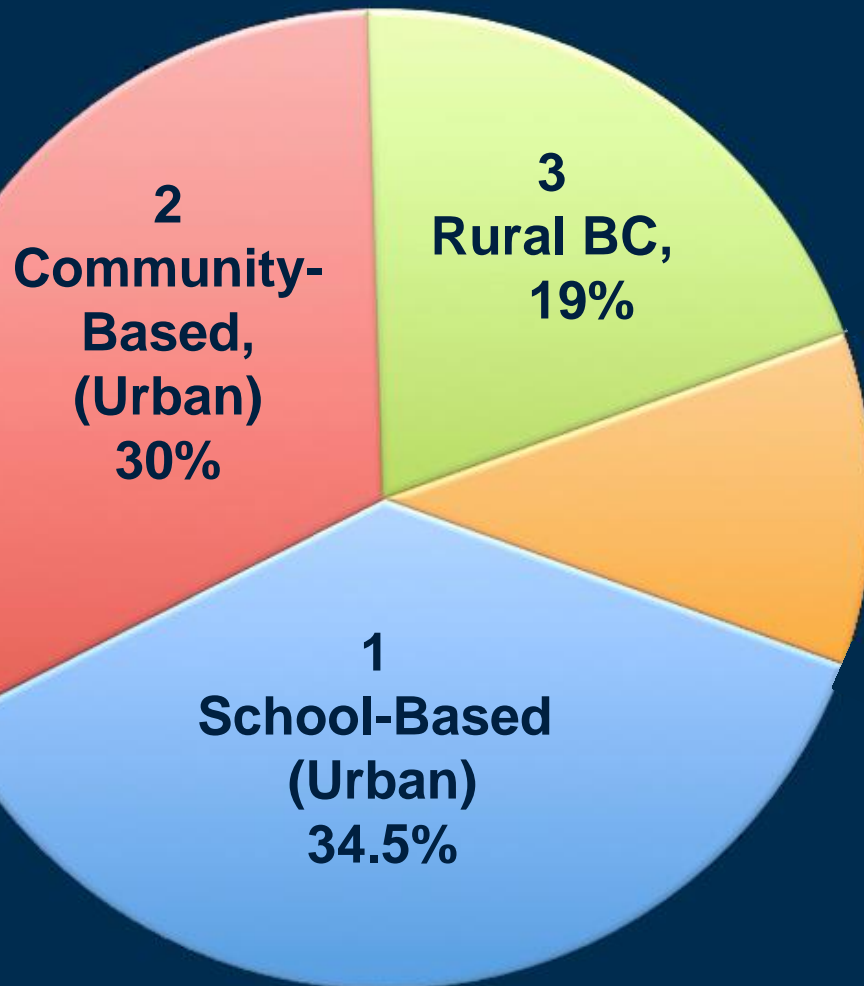
# 2015 CFE Placements by Location



UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA) – 2014/15

- museums,
- Vancouver Aquarium,
- out-of-school care (YMCA),
- neighborhood houses,
- camps (Latona),
- community centres,
- UBC Farm,
- etc.

# 2015 CFE Placements by Location



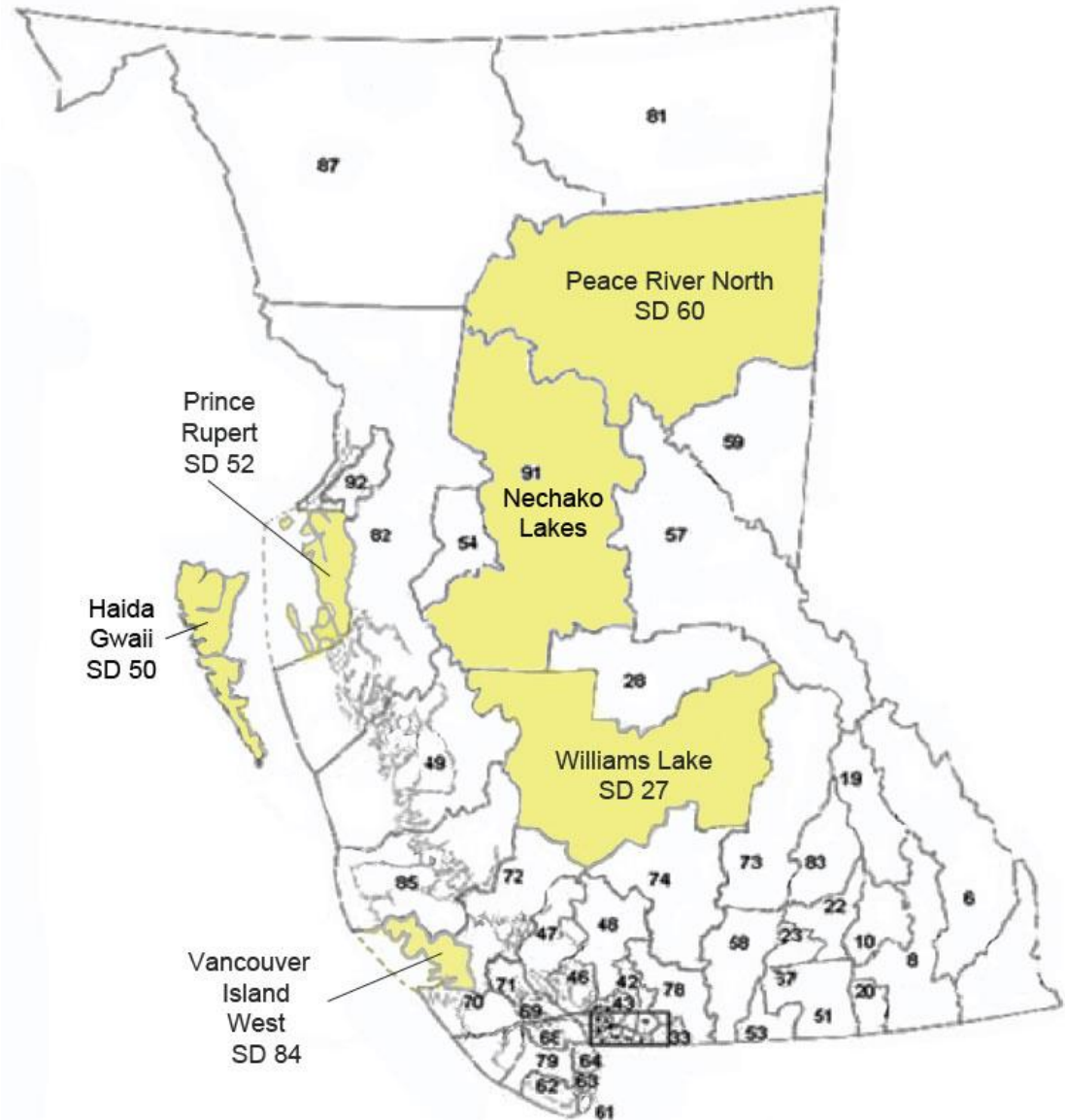
Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre – 2014/15

- rural schools and
- rural community partners

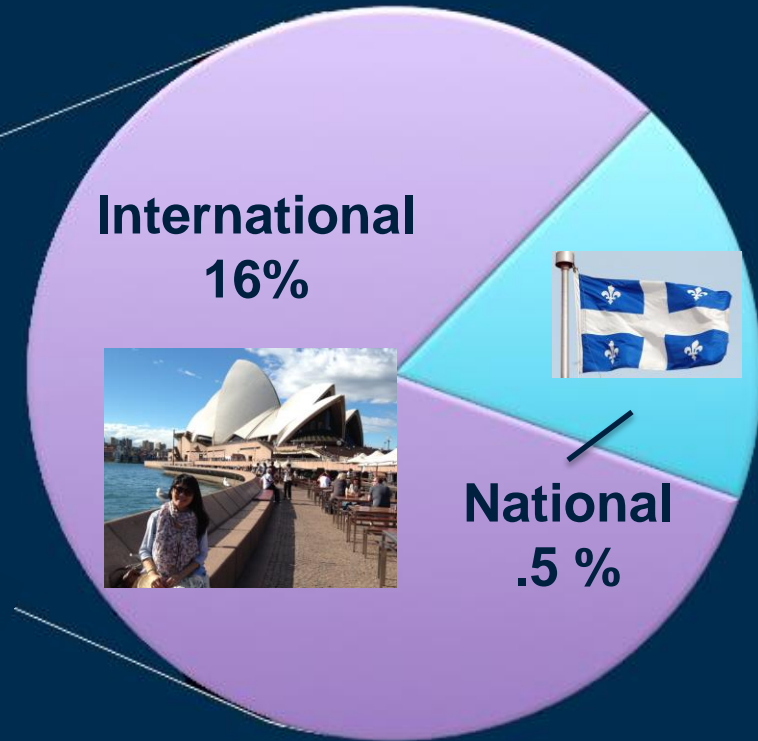
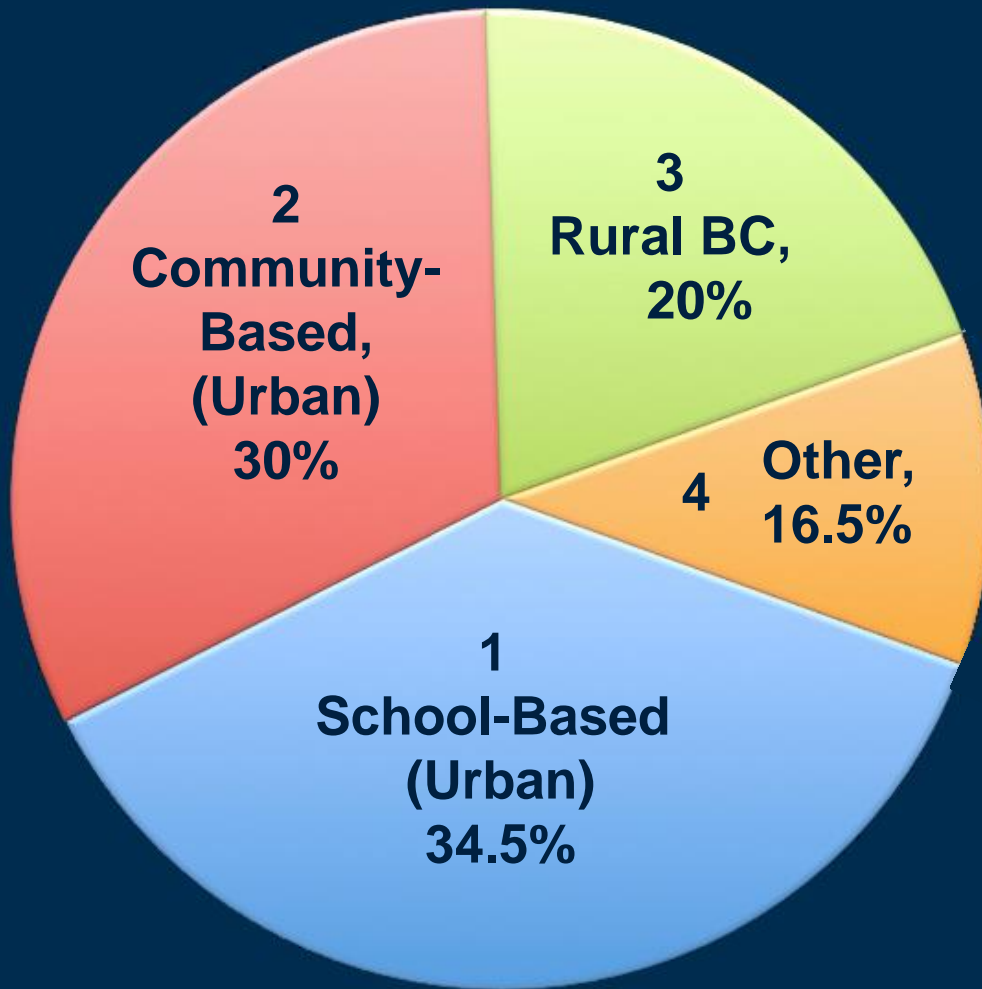
# Rural & Remote Partnerships

Formal Partnerships with six BC School Districts:

Note: Placements incorporate both the districts' and community partners', funding for accommodations



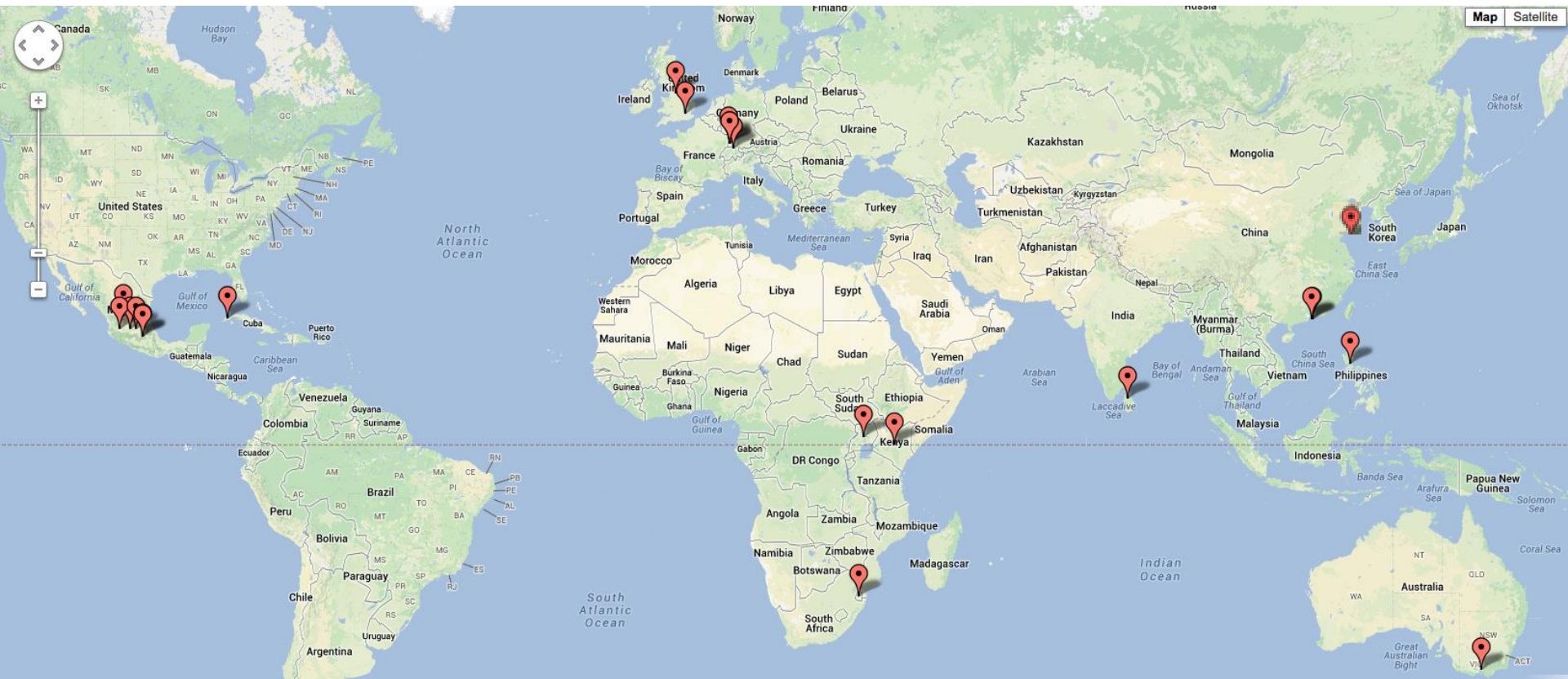
# 2015 CFE Placements by Location







# Where in the world are UBC's international partners?



London (UK)

Freiburg (Germany)

Strasbourg (France)

Qindao (China)

Cuba

Zurich (Switzerland)

Uganda

Costa Rica

Ethiopia

Tokyo

Hong Kong

Melbourne (Australia)

Mexico





# 2015 International CFE Information Sessions

## September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

12:30 – 1:30  
Scarfe 100

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# When is the CFE?



*2014 Haida Gwaii  
classroom*

# When is the CFE?

April 25 – May 13, 2016

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

How do I register for my CFE?

# 4 step process

# Step 1:

## Visit CFE Website

<http://cfe.educ.ubc.ca/>

- ✓ CFE overview
- ✓ List of Community partners
- ✓ Contact information
- ✓ Testimonials
- ✓ Registration Portal







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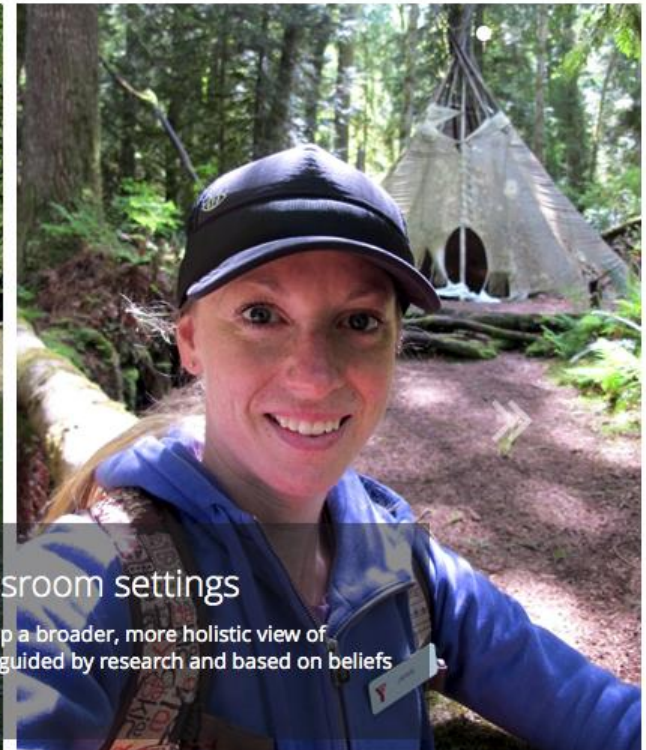
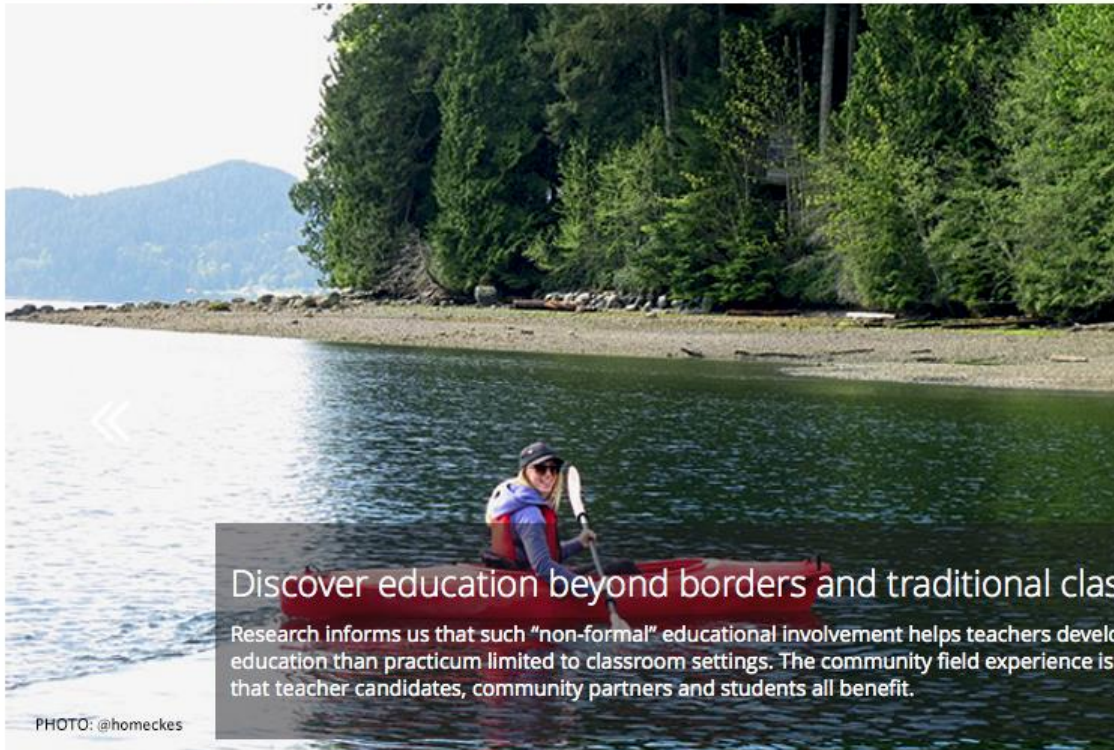
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Discover education beyond borders and traditional classroom settings

Research informs us that such "non-formal" educational involvement helps teachers develop a broader, more holistic view of education than practicum limited to classroom settings. The community field experience is guided by research and based on beliefs that teacher candidates, community partners and students all benefit.

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## Step 2:

Review the choice of CFE partners and determine your preference to be placed by location or by theme



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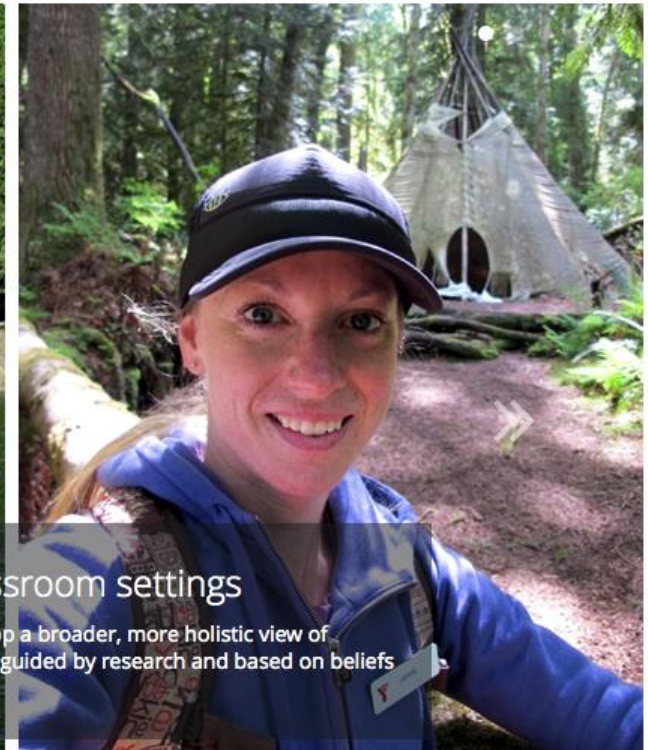
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# Community Partners

Current Selection: [Show All](#)

Themes

Locations

Program Options

Start typing to search...

Show all



PAIS



Richmond Art  
Gallery

Read More



Windermere  
Secondary School

Read More

**AXIS**  
theatre  
Company

Axis Theatre Society  
(Company)

Read More





## District/Region

Abbotsford/Chilliwack  
Burnaby/New Westminster  
Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam/Port  
Moody  
Delta  
Langley  
Maple Ridge/Agassiz/Mission  
North and West Vancouver  
Outside the Lower Mainland/Rural  
BC  
Richmond  
Surrey  
Vancouver

## Themes:

Arts  
Community Services  
Early Childhood Education  
Educational Technology/Distance Ed  
Faith Based Education  
French Education  
Health and Wellness  
Independent Schools  
Indigenous Education  
International Education  
Museum and Cultural Education  
Public Schools  
Recreation and Outdoor Education  
Rural Education  
Science Education  
Special Education  
Sustainability/Environmental Education  
Youth at Risk



## Step 3:

Locate the CFE Registration Form at:

[cfe.educ.ubc.ca](http://cfe.educ.ubc.ca)



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## Teacher Candidates

Following successful completion of a school-based extended practicum, all teacher candidates in the BEd program participate in a three-week Community Field Experience.

In most cases, the community field experience occurs outside of schools in placements hosted by community partners. Some field experiences take place in a school context that is very different from the extended practicum site, and others take place in locations across the province, country and internationally.

By taking part in the CFE, teacher candidates expand their concept of potential learning sites and how they might get involved, either as a career option or as a classroom teacher with an understanding of educational community connections. During the initial registration process, teacher candidates indicate their preference for a community field experience placement by theme or geographic region.

**Pre-requisite:** successful completion of EDUC 418/419, 495, 496 — Extended Practicum



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## Registration

Register for the CFE on the UBC-Community Learning Initiative (UBC-CLI) website:  
<https://cbel-ubc-csm.symlicity.com/students>.

Step-by-step how to register videos »

Register for the CFE »

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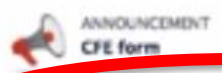
## Complete Registration Form

Welcome, John Yoshihiko Yamamoto.

search [input] [button]

Questions or Comments?

NEWS FEED Show Me [dropdown]



**Click here for B.Ed student CFE form**

Deadline: Friday, October 2nd 2015 at 4:30pm

Visit the CFE website @<http://cfe.educ.ubc.ca> to explore placement opportunities before submitting your preferences.

**Need to make changes to your submission?** Click here to find your form and go to **Edit** selected to change your preferences.

The screenshot shows a user profile page with the following elements:

- Navigation bar: Home, Profile, Opportunities/Tenets
- Breadcrumbs: Home > Profile > Choose Your Opportunity
- Section: profile
- Buttons: Confirm Your Information, Choose Your Opportunity
- Section: 1 Experience
- Status: with UBC Faculty of Education Fall
- Buttons: **APPLIED**, Review, **Can Cancel** (circled in red)
- Red arrow pointing to the "Can Cancel" button.

GETTING STARTED

- Account Created
- Contact Information

# Welcome students!

The form is currently active for:

- Trek Program applications (open to any student)
- PHRM 170 CSL sign-up (Pharmacy students only)

Indicate your program under "Application Type" to activate the correct form. Please note that applications for the Reading Week Program 2016 will open in early 2015.

If you have any questions about this form, contact us at 604 822 1678 or [community.learning@ubc.ca](mailto:community.learning@ubc.ca) and we will be happy to help.

## Registration form

Affiliation\*:

Application Type\*:

Current Academic Year\*:

B.Ed students - Program\*:

B.Ed students - Secondary program - focus area\*:

- ✓
- Art
- Business Education
- Computer Science
- English/ESL
- French
- Home Economics
- Math
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology Education
- Theatre

Select "UBC" below to activate the form.

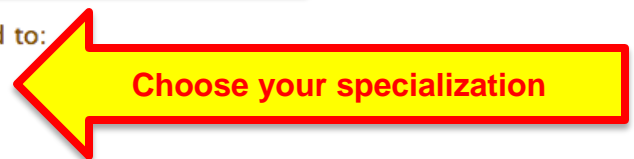


Academic year.

for?



You feel most tied to:



**B.Ed students –  
International  
Placements\*:****Would you like to request an international placement? (optional)**

NB. International and Rural Placements will take precedence over any local placement requests made below due to the increased time and/or expense associated with these placements.

Yes ( ) No

**International Placement –  
First Choice\*:****International Placement –  
Second Choice\*:****International Placement –  
Third Choice:**

- ✓
- China (Qindao)
- Costa Rica
- Ethiopia
- Freiburg
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Melbourne
- Mexico
- Strasbourg
- Zurich
- London (unconfirmed)
- Self-placement

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Yes  No

**International Placement –**  **First Choice\*:**

**International Placement –**  **Second Choice\*:**

**International Placement –**  **Third Choice:**



**B.Ed students – Rural Placements\*:****Would you like to request a rural placement? (optional)**

NB. This section refers specifically to rural placements with partner school districts in British Columbia. There will be an opportunity to select other rural placement preferences later in this process if you are interested in placements that are not specifically tied to school districts.

**Available districts:**

- School District 27 – Cariboo-Chilcotin
- School District 50 – Haida Gwaii
- School District 52 – Prince Rupert
- School District 60 – Peace River North
- School District 84 – Vancouver Island West
- School District 91 – Nechako Lakes

Yes  No

**B. Ed students – Rural Placements in order of preference:**

Indicate your preferred district numbers from the list above, in order of preference from first to last. List as many as you wish.

(e.g. 52, 60, 84 which means district 52 is your top choice)

**B.Ed students – Local Placements\*:**

How would you prefer to be placed for your Community Field Experience?

- By district/region (e.g. Richmond)
- By theme (e.g. Rural Education; Recreation and Sport)

**District/Region Preference 1\*:**

All students should be aware of the Faculty's policy surrounding Practicum Placements. Please be prepared to accept any placement within 125 km of campus. Students make their own arrangements for and bear the cost of personal transportation and accommodation during practica.

The CFE coordinators will do their best to find you something appropriate within one of the two areas you select.

Indicate your FIRST choice of DISTRICT/REGION from the list below.

**District/Region Preference 2\*:**

Indicate your SECOND choice of DISTRICT/REGION from the list below.

DOES NOT refer to placements associated with the [unclear] of this registration form.

from the list below.

of priority.

- ✓ Open to placement in any district/region
- Abbotsford/Chilliwack
- Burnaby/New Westminster
- Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody
- Delta
- Langley
- Maple Ridge. Agassiz, Mission
- North and West Vancouver
- Outside the Lower Mainland/Rural BC\*
- Richmond
- Surrey
- Vancouver

**B. Ed students – Theme Selection A\*:**

**B.Ed students – Theme Selection B\*:**

Indicate your preferred THEME from the list below:

[Empty dropdown menu]

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**District/Region Preference 2\*:**

✓

- Open to any kind of opportunity
- Arts
- Community Services
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Technology/Distance Education
- French Education
- Health and Wellness
- Independent Schools
- Indigenous Education
- Museum Education
- Public Schools
- Recreation, Outdoor Education and Sport (May extend outside of the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley)
- Science Education
- Special Education
- Sustainability and the Environment
- Youth at Risk

**B. Ed students – Theme Selection A\*:**

**B.Ed students – Theme Selection B\*:**

Indicate your preferred THEME from the list below:

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Indicate your **FIRST** choice of **DISTRICT/REGION** from the list below.

Abbotsford/Chilliwack

**District/Region Preference 2\*:**

\* Please note: "Outside the Lower Mainland/Rural BC" DOES NOT refer to placements associated with the 6 partner school districts mentioned in the RURAL section of this registration form.

Indicate your **SECOND** choice of **DISTRICT/REGION** from the list below.

Langley

**B. Ed students – Theme Selection A\*:**

Indicate your preferred **THEME** from the list below:

**Note: Theme Selection A and B are not in any order of priority.**

Arts

**B.Ed students – Theme Selection B\*:**

Indicate your preferred **THEME** from the list below:

Community Services

**B.Ed students – Placement Preference (1st choice)\*:**

Indicate your top 6 placement preferences in the text fields below (one placement per field). These preferences must be selected from the existing list of community partners on the CFE website: <http://cfe.educ.ubc.ca/community-partners> (link opens in a new window).

Do not include any international or rural options that you may have made in the first section of this form.

Vancouver Aquarium

**B.Ed students – Placement Preference (2nd choice)\*:**

Learning Exchange

**B.Ed students – Placement Preference (3rd choice)\*:**

Museum of Anthropology

**B.Ed students – Placement Preference (4th choice)\*:**

Rick Hansen Foundation

**B.Ed students – Placement Preference (5th choice)\*:**

Beatty Museum

**B.Ed students – Placement Preference (6th choice)\*:**

Camp Latona



**Additional Comments:**

We'd like to hear from you! Please share any other information that would help us in placing you for the CFE, e.g. faith-based independent schools (50 words max).

To submit your form, click SUBMIT. You will NOT receive an automatic email confirmation. We will contact you with more information about next steps.

I have a car and am flexible where you place me in the Lower Mainland.

**Submission Date\*:**

# Step 5:

(did I say there were 4 steps??)





# When does the CFE registration open?

Thursday **Sept 17, 2014 2:00 PM**



a place of mind

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# CFE Q & As



When is the latest I can submit  
my CFE registration?

Up until midnight  
Tuesday September 28, 2015





Can I change my CFE  
registration after I submit it?

Yes. Until **midnight Tuesday  
September 28, 2015**



When will I know about my  
CFE?

Typically, early to Mid December



Will there be more  
information about rural and  
international CFE  
opportunities?

Yes.



# Rural CFE Meeting:

Thu, September 24, 2015

- **11:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
Superintendent Scarfe Foyer  
Presentations
- **12:30pm – 2:00pm**  
Scarfe Room 100



# International CFE Meeting:

**Thursday, September 17, 2015**

**12:30 – 1:30pm**

**Scarfe 100**

**\*Also Scarfe 100**

**Sept 22, 12:30 – 1:30 pm**





# Are there National CFE Placements?

No.



# Are there funds for rural, and international CFEs?

Yes



# How much?

**Rural** depends on funding, and need.

**International** – \$600.00 to \$1,100.00

\* More information about international funding at Sept 17 & 22 meetings



# Is there a CFE Guide for TCs?

Yes.

TCs must be read the *TC CFE Guide* in its entirety before the CFE starts. It can be found at: [cfe.educ.ubc.ca](http://cfe.educ.ubc.ca)

# What are the **key** CFE expectations for TCs?

- 1) TCs adhere to the principles of Professional Conduct at all times (BEEd Policies & Guidelines pp 7-12)
- 2) TC's work with their community partner 5 days a week for 3 weeks
- 3) TCs submit a weekly reflection or summary of their CFE experiences – preferably in blog format

A full set of expectations can be found:  
<http://blogs.ubc.ca/ubcfe/expectations>





# When do I register?

Registration opens

Thursday **Sept 17, 2014 2:00 PM**



CFE URL: **[cfe.educ.ubc.ca](http://cfe.educ.ubc.ca)**

CFE BLOG: **[blogs.ubc.ca/ubcfe](http://blogs.ubc.ca/ubcfe)**

This Powerpoint presentation:  
**[blogs.ubc.ca/ubcfe/](http://blogs.ubc.ca/ubcfe/)**

# CFE Contact Information:

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