

Graduate Student Liaisons

Purpose

Through support from the UNBC Ignite and Inspire Fund, a project team consisting of faculty and graduate students will work together to enhance HQP training supports in the life sciences in Northern BC. The training program will be centered on biomedical research with themes related to metabolism, nutrition and natural products. The overarching goal is to bring together a diversity of voices from academia, industry and communities to better understand diverse perspectives towards biomedical research, health priorities that need to be addressed through foundational research questions, and a vision for the advancement of biotechnology in the north. Four graduate student liaison positions are available and will report to the project lead.

Roles and responsibilities may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Act as liaison with community stakeholders and Indigenous rights holders
- Organization of engagement workshop at UNBC
- Assist in review of requests for engagement funds
- Collecting and collating information and feedback gathered

Qualifications

Education and Experience: Candidate will be in progress of graduate degree in the Life Sciences or related discipline at UNBC (ie. Health Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Biology). Experience in the fields of metabolism, nutrition and/or natural product research using interdisciplinary or cross disciplinary approaches will be considered an asset. Preference will be given to students that have professional and/or personal networks with communities across Northern BC, except for one position that will be designated for an international student.

Skills: The candidate will have excellent organizational, communication and interpersonal skills.

The team is committed to promoting equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility in the life sciences. Individuals with diverse background and experiences are encouraged to apply including Indigenous peoples, members of visible minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Term and Stipend

The term of the position will be 4-6 months and a stipend of \$500/per month will be provided.

To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to Dr. Kendra Furber at kendra.furber@unbc.ca

Review of applications will begin on Monday, February 5 2024 and continue until the positions are filled.