2020 Internship Program Call for Proposals

The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) is a research and engagement network oriented toward delivering high-impact climate solutions that are actively applied by decision-makers. PICS shares a global vision of net-negative greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century alongside all communities adapting to a changing climate.

Every year PICS provides support to provincial, regional and local governments, indigenous communities, private companies, Crown corporations, among others, to hire university students to work on projects relevant to our vision, mandate and objectives. These internships provide students with opportunities to develop expertise in the area of climate change solutions, both mitigation and adaptation, and support our partners in the implementation of their climate solutions related projects and initiatives.

PICS will provide $12,000 to BC provincial, regional, and local governments, and BC-based non-governmental agencies, indigenous communities, private companies and Crown corporations to hire a student intern for a minimum of 13 weeks. Successful applicants may top up this contribution to provide an appropriate wage for the student’s level of education and experience.

Successful applicants are responsible for the selection of a suitable student intern. To this end, they are required to post their internship position at all four PICS partner universities’ student career centres and/or co-operative education offices.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality and potential for impact
- Relevance to PICS vision, mandate and principles
- Climate solutions focus
- Transferable and/or research skill development
- Potential for student learning

Eligible students must be enrolled in a fulltime undergraduate or graduate program at one of the four PICS partner institutions: UVIC, UBC, SFU or UNBC. Students must either be returning to complete their degree programs following the internship or have completed their programs the semester prior to the start of the internship.

Using this form, applications may be submitted to picsintern@uvic.ca by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Successful applicants will be contacted by the end of January 2020. Awarded funds must be used by December 31, 2020 and internships should start within the year.