Research Support - Knowledge Broker Job Opportunity

Part-time (approximately 12 hrs/week) for 3.5 months or total 170 hours at $26.50/hour. With possibility of renewal.

Simon Fraser University Knowledge Mobilization Hub is seeking a Research Assistant that will work closely with the National Urban Indigenous Coalition Council (NUICC). NUICC and its research delivery partner, Voor Urban Labs, specialize in lifting up the stories and knowledge of Indigenous people in 34 Canadian cities, and are committed to critical urban research, urban planning, and community engagement work. NUICC is a growing network of coalitions working to advance the rights and visibility of the urban Indigenous population across Canada. Join us in this unique role supporting projects for the NUICC to advance public policy and social infrastructure that addresses challenges for urban Indigenous peoples across Canada. SFU’s Knowledge Mobilization Hub is a university-wide strategic initiative delivering on SFU’s commitment to excellence across the full spectrum of research and knowledge mobilization through collaboration with and for communities and partners to have a positive impact across Canada and beyond.

We are looking for an SFU Graduate student who has experience with knowledge mobilization and Urban Indigenous communities. You will work within the SFU Knowledge Mobilization Hub and work closely with Voor Urban Labs and NUICC’s Urban Indigenous Knowledge Mobilization Hub. In this role you will create a structure for aggregating evidence on the key areas of concern for NUICC. NUICC has identified a need for aggregated evidence in a number of policy areas important to urban Indigenous people, as the Knowledge Broker you will identify good practices in this area, create structures for evidence aggregation, build relationships with potential contributors as evidence aggregators and contributors to the journal “Stories Have Always Been Our Governance”.

This is a hybrid (remote and in-person) position. You will work with a mixed Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff team working from Vancouver, Nanaimo, Toronto, and Ottawa on exciting and meaningful work advancing the rights of Urban Indigenous People across Canada.

Time Commitment
This Research Assistant position is a flexible part-time role with work days that balance your family’s needs and the team’s needs. While remote work in this position is possible, you may be expected to attend meetings at times at SFU’s Burnaby and Vancouver campuses.

If you feel you are an exceptional candidate but cannot commit to the part-time role at present, apply and let us know in the cover letter.

Duties and Responsibilities
- Identify and connect with potential collaborators, partners, researchers;
- Present and network at different events or conferences as appropriate;
- Identify good practices and/or examples of evidence aggregation;
- Create structure, work flow, guidelines for evidence aggregation activities;
- Bring your experience of urban Indigenous Peoples and decolonization into the work;
- Participate and contribute to team activities as needed;
- Attend weekly NUICC group meetings;
- Other duties as assigned.
Skills

- You have a post-secondary diploma, undergraduate or graduate degree in communications, Indigenous studies, urban planning, knowledge mobilization or a related field;
- Excellent understanding of the role of storytelling and Indigenous Knowledge;
- Familiar with urban Indigenous issues and policy solutions for Canadian cities;
- Good understanding of knowledge mobilization literature;
- Very strong organization, communication and writing skills; critical thinker, problem-solver, and pro-active attitude;
- Very strong skills (and references) for your work with research, evidence synthesis, and project planning; and
- Fluent in English.

Optional Skills

- Familiarity of local government and urban public policy;
- Knowledge of Indigenous governance systems;
- Experience in arts, culture, journalism, or communications.

To Apply

Please send your resume (.doc or .pdf) with a cover letter explaining your suitability for the role to lupin_battersby@sfu.ca include “Knowledge Broker” in the email subject.

The posting is open until filled. We will start reviewing and contacting applicants on September 23rd, 2022. The position start date is negotiable, but prefer ASAP.