Position: Graduate Peer - GIS, Research Commons, W.A.C. Bennett Library, Simon Fraser University

Salary: $26.50 per hour

Hours: Flexible – up to 10 hours biweekly preferred – times and days negotiable.

Term: September– December 2023; possibility of extension.

Description: The Graduate Peer for GIS assists with the development and provision of Library GIS services of particular interest to SFU researchers in a variety of disciplines. The incumbent will work with the GIS & Map Librarian to develop GIS workshops for students, and to provide one-on-one GIS consultations both virtually and in person. Other duties may include developing documentation, guides, and relevant web pages to support the Library’s GIS services. The Graduate Peer for GIS works under the supervision of the GIS & Map Librarian, in coordination with the Head, Research Commons.

We acknowledge the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), x̓məθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), səl̓ílwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), q̓íčəy̓ (Katzie), and kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) peoples, on whose traditional territories Simon Fraser University’s three campuses stand. By recognizing the Unceded Traditional Coast Salish territories, we aspire to create space for reconciliation through dialogue and decolonizing practices.

The SFU Library commits to a continuous process of transformation to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion and to serve the cause of social justice. The Library’s Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion provides more information.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified candidates of all genders, visible minorities, persons of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis heritage, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2SIA+ identified persons.
Qualifications:
- Currently enrolled in an SFU Graduate Program.
- Significant experience and/or training in GIS.
- Demonstrated familiarity with ArcGIS and/or QGIS software.
- Experience with R or Python will an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to explain GIS and spatial approaches.
- Demonstrated ability to work with students individually and in groups.
- An aptitude for providing instruction in a group setting.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

The Graduate Peer for GIS is expected to:
- Develop and facilitate GIS workshops for graduate students.
- Work one-on-one with researchers to facilitate understanding and application of geospatial skills and GIS tools.
- Develop documentation and website materials to facilitate the use of GIS software by SFU researchers from a variety of disciplines.
- Communicate effectively and in a collegial manner with researchers as well as Research Commons staff.
- Undertake occasional related projects at the direction and discretion of the GIS & Map Librarian.
- Provide administrative documentation of workshops, consultations, and other work in a timely manner.
- Be reliable and punctual.

The Graduate Peer for GIS does not:
- Provide course or assignment specific instruction to students.
- Complete student assignments/projects or portions of assignments/projects.
- Provide assessments or evaluations of students’ work.

Application Process:
Applications must include:
- Cover letter and resume/curriculum vitae
- Contact information for two references
- Samples of GIS project work

Deadline: This posting will remain open until the position is filled. To be given assured consideration, applications should be submitted by July 30, 2023. Please submit applications via email in one consolidated PDF document to:

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