

Researcher Position – Contract Term (6)

Overview

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is seeking up to six Researchers for a short-term project surrounding access to education in Northwest BC. The RDKS Economic Development Commission's Strategic Plan identifies 'Skills Training' as a strategic area. The following action items exist under the strategic area:

1. Help increase essential courses in local schools
2. Help with distance education facilities/equipment
3. Help with increasing access to adult education
4. Investigate possibilities for the development of training facilities
5. Investigate possibilities for local education campuses

Within these action items, two themes emerge: (1) increasing access to quality education, and (2) investigating the development of education facilities. Up to three individuals will work together to create a meaningful, research-based review on one of these two themes. This review will be used at the local government level and will be available to members of the public.

This position requires considerable entrepreneurial drive and self-directedness. Candidates must be able to work remotely. Residents of Northwest BC and Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Contract Length: October 22, 2020 – January 31, 2021 (14 weeks)

Full-Time/Part-Time: Part-time, and at the pace and direction set by the working group.

Rate: This position offers a stipend of \$7,000 for 14 weeks of work, plus an additional \$2,000 for 'work-from-home' supports including internet, maintaining or purchasing a work station, and/or maintaining or purchasing equipment such as computer or printer.

Responsibilities

- The creation of a research-based report of one of the two themes listed above. This includes:
 - Creating a project timeline and adhering to regular milestones
 - Conducting high-quality, reliable research (both qualitative and quantitative, where available)
 - Conducting a comprehensive literature review
 - Engaging with local experts and stakeholders
 - Corroborating findings with experts in the field
 - Providing recommendations for actions to be taken at the local government level
 - Writing results with clarity
- Participating in regular meetings with project researchers and Project Supervisor, providing updates as required
- Referring problems to Project Supervisor
- Other duties as assigned by Project Supervisor

Qualifications:

- Experience using various research methods, including data gathering and conducting interviews
- Experience writing research-based reports
- Experience in project planning and managing a strict schedule
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- A level of education, training, and experience equivalent to an undergraduate degree (those currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree are encouraged to apply)
- Exceptional time management skills
- Strong entrepreneurial skills and self-directedness
- Background in skills training or education, particularly in Northern BC is considered an asset

Due to funding regulations, the following qualifications must also be met:

- Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person (as designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act) entitled to work in Canada
- Aged 15-29 (inclusive)
- Currently unemployed or precariously employed (employed part-time, seasonally, or casually)

Please submit a one-page cover letter and resume to Maggie Hall, Economic Development Officer by email (mhall@rdks.bc.ca) by 2:00 PM on Friday October 16, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted.



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