2018 Internship Program Call for Proposals

The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) produces knowledge that is actively used by decision makers to develop effective mitigation and adaptation policies and actions. Every year PICS supports the hiring of 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 addressing the climate change-related challenges they face.

PICS will provide $10,000 to BC provincial, regional, and local governments, and BC-based non-governmental agencies 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. Private-sector companies and crown corporations are eligible to apply for funds; PICS will match private-sector and crown corporation contributions to a maximum of $6,000.

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 be returning to complete their degree programs following the internship; students who have completed all their degree requirements are not eligible for this program.

Application forms may be submitted to picsadmn@uvic.ca by 9:00 am Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Successful applicants will be contacted by mid-February 2018. Awarded funds must be used by March 31, 2019.