Paid Graduate Student Research Assistant Position
SFU Sustainability Office, ACT at Faculty of Environment

OVERVIEW
SFU is developing a Climate Change Resilience Plan to evaluate the risks and opportunities of projected changes to the climate that will have a direct and substantial impact on SFU, and to plan a course of action to adapt to or take advantage of these risks and opportunities. The climate change resilience plan integrates climate change adaptation and mitigation considerations.

ABOUT THE ROLE
This research assistant position will support SFU’s climate risk assessment process. This role will support the development of an inventory of existing adaptive actions, the university climate risk assessment, and research into adaptive action best practices. The Research Assistant will conduct interviews and desk-based research designed to inventory current adaptive actions, to support the university’s climate risk assessment and to identify and evaluate potential adaptation options. Reporting to and supported by the SFU Sustainability Office and the Adaptation to Climate Change Team (ACT) at the Faculty of Environment, the successful candidate will have the following skills:

- excellent research skills, on climate change adaptation and resilience planning preferred;
- ability to use multiple sources of primary and secondary data to support problem definition and support cross-departmental planning;
- ability to communicate complex issues to multiple audiences (subject matter experts, students, staff in technical, strategic and administrative roles in various disciplines, senior administration);
- excellent workshop facilitation skills;
- graduate student preferred.

This is a hourly contract position and will run the fall 2019 semester (September-December 2019) with possibility of extension with additional funding into the winter semester. There is $5000 of funding available for up to 200 hours of work, at $25/hour.

SETTING
We acknowledge the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumíxw (Squamish), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), səl’ílwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), q̓íčəy (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.

TO APPLY
Please forward your resume and cover letter as one document to Erica Lay, associate director, SFU Sustainability Office at elay@sfu.ca. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis though candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The final deadline is midnight on September 12, 2019 with interviews taking place September 16-20th, 2019.