MASTER OF SCIENCE STUDENTSHP
IN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HEALTH AND TOBACCO CONTROL

The Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University (FHS/SFU), in partnership with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is offering a Master of Science (MSc) Studentship commencing in September 2018. An MSc is a research intensive degree for individuals interested in a research career in industry or academia. The studentship provides funding of $18,500 per year for two years.

Project Summary
Professor Kelley Lee (FHS/SFU) and Dr. Evan Adams (FNHA) are the co-Principal Investigators of a study entitled “A context-specific and comprehensive menu of commercial tobacco control measures for First Nation communities: A consultation intervention in British Columbia” funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). The goal of this project is to support the strengthening of community-led commercial tobacco control strategies in First Nations communities. This will be achieved through a partnership involving SFU, FNHA, and BC First Nation communities. The project is seeking to recruit a Master of Science student to join the project team. S/he will receive training in research methods and approaches, and undertake a thesis on a topic related to the project. A brief description of the project can be found at: http://www.sfu.ca/globaltobaccocontrol/research-projects/fnha-sfu-collaboration-project.html

Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University
Simon Fraser University offers an excellent environment for research and graduate studies. The institution is home to a variety of world-class research facilities, innovative programs, and world-renowned scholars. SFU's Faculty of Health Sciences offers one of Canada’s most comprehensive and integrated programs, and has a strong reputation for producing world-class innovative research. Researchers and students from a broad spectrum of disciplines, spanning the humanities, social sciences and life sciences, work together in a unique, non-departmentalised environment to encourage the study of health and disease from "cell to society", and to apply this work in the context of population and public health.

Eligibility for application to the SFU Master of Science Degree Programme
The minimum SFU requirements for admission to a master’s program are:

a) a bachelor's degree from Simon Fraser University or its equivalent from a recognised institution;
b) a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0/4.33 (B), or a grade point average of at least 3.33/4.33 (B+) based on the last 60 credits of undergraduate courses. All graduate work is also considered.
   Individual graduate programs may set a higher admission grade point average;
c) submitted evidence, usually references from qualified referees, of the student’s ability to undertake advanced work in the area of interest.

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be admitted with lower formal qualifications than in (a) or (b) when there is significant professional experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship.

Please see the FHS website for full admission requirements and application procedures.
For this MSc studentship, applicants are expected to hold an undergraduate degree relevant to Indigenous peoples or Indigenous peoples research methods, with preference given to specialist expertise in Indigenous peoples’ health and community-based research methods. A willingness to travel within BC to conduct fieldwork and disseminate findings is essential.

Please note that qualified individuals with lived experience will be given priority for this appointment.

Submission of application
To apply for this MSc studentship, please submit your academic CV, statement of interest, transcripts and two letters of reference to Jennifer Fang (Jennifer_fang@sfu.ca) by November 30, 2017. Suitable candidates may be interviewed.

All applications received by this date will then be reviewed by the Project Team. The preferred candidate will be invited to submit an application to SFU Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (see https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/application_process.html) by January 15, 2018.