

Youth Climate Ambassadors Project:

Job description for facilitators



Facilitators Application link:

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The University of British Columbia Climate Hub, a new student-led, university-wide initiative, has been focusing on the power of story to successfully build climate community and engage and empower broad, diverse, and new audiences to take action on climate change. The Hub's hybrid structure -- with an agenda set by students, carried forward by a full-time director and five student staff, and supported by the work of myriad student and community volunteers -- makes it uniquely positioned to create climate narratives that resonate with a key climate audience: youth.

The Climate Hub is located in the University Sustainability Initiative offices on the second floor of the Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (2250 West Mall). Any questions can be emailed to climate.hub@ubc.ca.

Youth Climate Ambassadors Project

The Youth Climate Ambassadors Project is a new program supported by the UBC Climate Hub which was established out of the growing demand for action- and hope-oriented climate change conversations within high schools. The current narrative often focuses on the apocalyptic, hopeless aspects of the situation which can be paralyzing, demoralizing, and overall ineffective for mobilizing students to act. The Youth Climate Ambassadors Project offers an alternative perspective that highlights how the climate movement can be filled with **hope, community, and purpose**.

This program consists of **workshops in high school classrooms** where the goal is to foster hope and empower students with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to become "Climate Ambassadors" in their own communities. Students will also learn about climate justice and how to understand the climate crisis, and its solutions, through systems thinking. The workshops will focus on storytelling as a way to help climate narratives resonate with students.

A team of **Youth Facilitators** composed of UBC students will be responsible for the delivery of these workshops. Facilitator will tell their own Climate Story, highlighting how and why they became involved in the climate movement, and what it's meant to them. Offering vulnerability and openness will help high school students relate to and connect with the facilitators. We believe this peer-to-peer connection is crucial for bringing more youth into the climate movement.

Volunteer Youth Facilitator Job Description

The UBC Climate Hub is recruiting youth facilitators from the UBC community to be part of the cohort that delivers the first iteration of the Youth Climate Ambassadors Project. These volunteer positions will involve developing and delivering climate action workshops in high schools (grades 8-12) across Vancouver. We are seeking young educators who want to inspire young people to take bold action on climate change that is rooted in community building. Facilitators will commit to

delivering **4-8 workshops per academic semester** and attending one monthly meeting. We anticipate an average commitment of 10-15 hours per month, including preparation for workshops and transportation time. **Applications are due on July 12.**

Remuneration

This is a volunteer position. However, at the end of each semester, facilitators will receive an honorarium of \$50. We are happy to act as reference contacts or provide letters of support.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Lead Climate Workshops
 - a. Lead ~60 minute-long presentations to groups of students.
 - b. Ongoing practice and development of their personalized presentation, including creating a slide deck from our template.
 - c. Distribute and collect surveys and written feedback.
2. Pre-workshop duties
 - a. Tailor the workshop content to the specific group. This may include editing their slide deck or connecting with the teacher whose class their will be attending.
3. Post-workshop duties
 - a. Following up with the teacher and group of students as needed (eg: to book another workshop, share news about upcoming opportunities, etc.).
4. Other responsibilities
 - a. Attend monthly meetings and all required training sessions.

Skills and Qualifications

- Youth-identified UBC student
- Passionate about climate change and social justice
- Public speaking or facilitation experience required
- Experience working with high school students an asset
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Commitment to delivering 4-8 workshops per semester (roughly two every month)
- Strong time management skills to balance other commitments, school, and this position
- Eager to craft a rich and personalized presentation, in collaboration with UBC Climate Hub staff and volunteers

Conditions of Employment

Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview. Prior to hiring, candidates must successfully pass a criminal record check.

Term of Appointment

Appointment is for the upcoming academic year from September 2019 to April 2020, with the possibility of continuing into the summer. All facilitators will be trained before beginning workshops. We will train facilitators based on their availability between July-September 2019.

Application Steps

1. Read this job description thoroughly and decide if the position is something you can truly commit to. Serious applications only please
2. Complete the online application form. The application will require you to:
 - a. Answer the application questions below (written or video response)
 - b. Upload your resume (max. 1 double-sided page)
 - c. Indicate your availability for training and workshop shifts throughout the academic year.

Application Questions

In the application, you will be prompted to answer the following questions EITHER in a written response (maximum 2000 characters including spaces for each question) OR a 3-5 minute video.

1. Tell us your story. How did you become motivated to work on climate change or other social/environmental justice issues? What has been meaningful about this work?
2. Why do you think you are a good fit for this position?

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At the UBC Climate Hub, we value diversity, inclusion and kindness. We are committed to an anti-oppressive approach in our work and we encourage all qualified applicants to apply. We cherish differences in gender, orientation, religion, beliefs, age and abilities. We welcome any feedback and are happy to make accommodations upon request.