

UNBC Co-operative Education Program

Psychology Co-op Placements

Co-op students are a valuable year round resource for employers in public, private and non-profit organizations. As a co-op student, you might fill temporary job openings, complete projects, and help to free up permanent staff for other tasks or help ease the load during the busy season. Currently, the average wage of a UNBC Co-op Student is \$12.00 an hour.

Psychology Co-op students enjoy a wide variety of jobs throughout British Columbia, mostly in government and private industry. However, non-profit organizations also play a large role in placing Psychology students. Many of the jobs call upon your research and statistical skills as well as your knowledge of people and their behaviors. Here are a few examples of what our Psychology co-op students are doing:

Organization: Friends of Barkerville

Location: Wells, BC

Position: Researcher/ Clerk/ Receptionist

Responsibilities: Greeting visitors and informing them about the society and doing research for the Friends of Barkerville. Compiled a volunteer manual for the society and worked on the cemetery project doing research and data input with the goal of having the information available on line. Designed and carried out a survey of visitors thoughts on Barkerville.

Organization: Community Futures and The Wood Enterprise Centre

Location: Quesnel, BC

Position: Research Assistant

Responsibilities: Conducting specific market research including predefined surveys of business and industry suppliers. Locating, collecting and reporting on information for both organizations concerning a wide variety of topics focusing on multiple of sources including public libraries, the internet and private businesses. Assuming receptionist duties when needed.

Organization: Department of Indian and Northern Affairs

Location: Vancouver, BC

Position: Student Researcher

Responsibilities: Carrying out research support tasks such as data base searches, document transcription, data organization, library research, duplicate checks, document comparisons, document collection, summaries of historic and contemporary events and government policies and practices.

Organization: Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Treaty Negotiation Division

Location: Victoria, BC

Position: Research Assistant

Responsibilities: Conducting research analysis, supporting the negotiation teams during the preparation for treaty negotiations, assisting teams in providing ongoing linkages with other BC and Federal ministries/ agencies.

Organization: BC Hydro

Location: Prince George

Position: Community Relations

Responsibilities: Providing information on local BC Hydro initiatives and the environment at local events. Drafting news releases and feature stories for the local media. Organizing and overseeing a photo contest in six northern communities.

Organization: Canadian Red Cross

Location: Prince George

Position: Community Researcher

Responsibilities: Compiling research and completing a needs assessment of First Nations Communities in Northern BC.

Organization: Northwood

Location: Prince George

Position: Human Resources Co-op Student

Responsibilities: Involved in recruiting new staff, job evaluations, benefits, training, and safety meetings. Assisting with project work in collective bargaining and policies and procedures.

Organization: Ministry of Transportation

Location: Human Resources Researcher & Outreach Officer

Position: Prince George

Responsibilities: Examining competencies as they relate to each position and the training that is associated with competency. Design and implementation of an Employment Equity plan that included a significant initiative for outreach.

Organization: Ministry of Human Resources

Location: Prince George

Position: Researcher

Responsibilities: Researching Self-Directed Work Teams. Assessing the ability to apply this concept in Ministry of Human Resources District Offices.

Organization: Prince George Art Gallery

Location: Prince George

Position: Lottery Coordinator

Responsibilities: Organizing and managing the Art Gallery's "Art of Leisure", a major fund raising event. Training and scheduling of volunteers, managing a budget, marketing, cash and ticket reconciliation.

Organization: Canadian Mental Health

Location: Prince George

Position: Strategic Plan Developer/ Research Assistant

Responsibilities: Planning, coordinating and advertising workshops on mental health issues, interacting with clients and in charge of carrying out a strategic plan.

Organization: ICBC

Location: Smithers, BC

Position: Youth Ambassador

Responsibilities: Organizing and coordinating participation in community events. Presenting and educating various groups about ICBC programs and Road Sense issues.

Organization: Ministry of Human Resources – Enforcement & Compliance Branch

Location: Prince George

Position: Program Officer

Responsibilities: Under the supervision of a Team Leader, student Program Officers assist branch staff in ensuring compliance with ministry acts, regulations and policies. Working in pairs, you interview income assistant recipients in their homes to confirm residency and identification.

Organization: Canadian Cancer Society

Location: Prince George

Position: Program Assistant

Responsibilities: Working closely with the Family Camp Committee, staff and volunteers to organize and implement Care & Share Family Camp. Also responsible for processing the campaign receipt book, general office duties and reception.

Organization: AIMHI

Location: Prince George

Position: Support Staff

Responsibilities: Working in a variety of different residences with clients having varying degrees of mental handicaps, assisting in physical care, daily living skills, and community involvement.

Co-op Works!!

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