

UNBC Research Ambassadors Program

The Office of Research and Graduate Programs is seeking applications from UNBC undergraduate and graduate students to serve as Research Ambassadors. As champions for research at UNBC, Research Ambassadors will work with the Office of Research to enhance research culture at UNBC. This experiential learning experience will enhance students' understanding of research at UNBC and will provide students with the opportunity to work with a diversity of people on projects aimed at promoting and celebrating research at UNBC.

Award: \$2,000

Term: January 2019 – April 2019

Roles & Responsibilities: Using the knowledge, skills and interests developed to this point through all aspects of their education, Research Ambassadors will work with the Office of Research on a range of projects aimed at enhancing research culture at UNBC, such as:

- Mentoring students from a variety of programs and backgrounds (e.g. through coffee chats, presentations, etc.).
- Advising fellow students about research related opportunities at UNBC through public talks, workshops, orientation activities, and “Ambassador Updates”.
- Working as a team, pooling resources and collaborating with faculty and staff.
- Providing advice to the Office of Research on how to improve student programming, celebrate research, and get undergraduate students involved in research.
- Assisting with the creation of digital content/stories related to student and faculty research at UNBC (who is engaged in research? why are they interested in research? what value does it bring?). Stories may be included in an “Ambassador Update” or Annual Report.
- Assisting with the organization of UNBC’s Research Week. Potentially researching and hosting a talk on why research is important (from a student perspective).
- Being recognized as ambassadors for research at UNBC promoting and enhancing research and creativity across campus and at community events.

Qualifications: Research Ambassadors will be UNBC undergraduate and graduate students who:

- Are in good academic standing.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have engaged in or are currently engaged in research or creative activities under the guidance of a UNBC faculty member (e.g. former or current URE, USRA, RPA, Honours project, research-based thesis/dissertation).
- Can commit to approx. 100 hours of service (approx. 6 hours per week) over the duration of the term of the program (January 2019 to April 2019).

Currently 2 undergraduate and 2 graduate students are being sought for this inaugural program.

Applications are due no later than noon Friday November 30, 2018.

Qualified students will be contacted by mid-December.

The application for the program follows on the next page of this document.

UNBC Research Ambassador Program Application

Name _____ UNBC Student Number _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Program _____ College _____

Year of Program _____ GPA _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

Prior research or creativity experience (indicate your role and the name of your supervisor):

Student Signature _____

A complete application will include:

- The completed and signed application form
- A copy of the student's resume
- An unofficial copy of the student's UNBC transcripts
- One reference letter from a faculty supervisor (the letter should be signed and emailed directly to research@unbc.ca with UNBC Research Ambassador Program in the subject line. Please include student name and UNBC student number in the body of the email)

Complete application packages should be emailed to the Office of Research at research@unbc.ca with the following in the subject line " UNBC Research Ambassador Program" Please include student name and UNBC student number in the body of the email.