

Indigenous Students Commissioner

Position title:	Indigenous Students Commissioner
Positions available:	1
Reports to:	Vice-President Academic and University Affairs
Supervises:	None
Employee status:	Term, Appointed
Length of term:	May 1st – April 30 th , 2017
Hours per week:	15
Compensation:	Tier 1

Position Purpose

The role of the Indigenous Students Commissioner is to advocate for Indigenous Student interests and to increase engagement with Indigenous Students, specifically working within the priorities set out by the AMS. The Commissioner will act as a representative for Indigenous student groups to the AMS and the University and will collaborate with these student groups to engage in advocacy and initiatives.

This position is best suited to a candidate with significant self-motivation, an interest in university issues, academic affairs, and policy in relation to Indigeneity and a desire to learn more about how the university works. The candidate will work closely with the Associate Vice-President Academic & University Affairs and the Vice-President Academic & University Affairs to consult students and advocate to the University on behalf of Indigenous Students.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Liaise with relevant groups on campus such as: UBC's First Nations House of Learning, UBC Access and Diversity, the UBC Equity Office, and Indigenous students' groups
- Keep active channels of communication with relevant student communities
- Support and help facilitate events run by relevant student groups
- Research and write policy, position, and briefing papers on pertinent issues
- Be familiar and advocate on related University policies, statements, and plans
- Works with the AMS mission statement and values to advocate successfully
- Other duties as required

Qualifications and Experience

- Must be a currently registered student at UBC Vancouver or one of its affiliated colleges
- Must not hold any other position at the AMS
- Interest in student issues and advocacy relating to Indigeneity
- Knowledge of Indigenous student interests and perspectives
- Experience working with Indigenous communities and an understanding of Indigenous histories and protocols
- Previous research experience is an asset, though not required
- Approachable, organized, and respectful communication skills Professional conduct