

B.C. FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL



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RE: Seeking a Mentor for Youth travelling to Uganda
International Aboriginal Youth Intern Program

Dear interested Mentors:

The First Nations Forestry Council, the Jane Goodall Foundation of Canada, Fair Trade Carbon Uganda and Stratosphere International are beginning an international youth internship program, which will allow aboriginal youth to experience forestry and environmental management from the cultural perspective of a foreign country, Uganda.

The program goal is to allow aboriginal youth to develop their careers by gaining employment experience, skills, and networks in forestry, environment management and global affairs. Furthermore, we anticipate this internship opportunity builds on cultural awareness and sensitivity to individuals and communities.

This program is a four year initiative with the first internship opportunity being organized this summer, with the 4 month internship from Sept-January 2019. We are recruiting up to 6 students for the initial year and a total of 34 students over the four internship years.

The First Nations Forestry Council is now seeking expressions of interest from interested individuals to act as mentor to our Aboriginal youth interns. We are seeking a mentor that can provide support to our interns as they prepare for their internship, during their internship (for a 2 week period in Uganda) and as they return home to their community.

We require a five month commitment as a mentor in support of the interns during their preparation, in country internship and re-entry programs.

Although this is a volunteer position, we will cover costs associated with travel to Vancouver for pre-departure and return orientations and skills sessions, and costs associated with a 2 week visit in Uganda to support interns.


The successful mentor applicants will ideally have the following skills and attributes:

- Leadership skills and experience
- Awareness of techniques to achieve personal, academic, and career goals

- Insight on rural communities and opportunities for rural forestry learning
- Insight on rural communities, histories, and culture
- Experience in supporting and advising youth seeking employment in the forestry sector

To register for this mentorship opportunity, please complete our application questionnaire, plus send a copy of your resume and cover letter to workforce@forestrycouncil.ca detailing why you are interested and what makes you a great mentor for aboriginal youth traveling internationally and pursuing careers in forestry, environment or international affairs.

Yours Sincerely,
B.C. FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL



Keith Atkinson, RPF
Chief Executive Officer

International Aboriginal Youth Intern Program
Expression of Interest Application Questions
Mentor

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please indicate 3 leadership skills you have for this aboriginal youth mentoring relationship

Are you willing to commit a few hours every month for at least one year of our program (July to March)? And also commit to a 2 week trip to Uganda to support interns at their worksite?

Have you been a mentor or mentee (informally or in a program) with aboriginal youth before? If yes, please describe your experience

Work History: What knowledge, experience and personal qualities and skills can you offer an aboriginal youth entering into the forestry sector? What relevant experience do you have?

Educational Background: What knowledge, experience and personal qualities and skills can you offer an aboriginal youth entering into the forestry sector?

Why are you interested in the program?