



**Other existing TLEF-funded projects currently held by the Principal Applicant:** none

**Project Summary** (150 words maximum)

Approximately 60% of Canadian PhD graduates do not pursue academic careers.<sup>1,2</sup> And, demand for graduate degrees in the Canadian labour market has increased over the past two decades, from 600,000 jobs in 1990 to over 1.3 million jobs in 2009.<sup>3</sup> Traditionally, graduate education has excelled in the preparation of students for academic careers, but has not adequately addressed the competencies required for alternative pathways. UBC has an opportunity to better prepare graduate students for the non-academic careers that so many will pursue. This proposal for enhanced career services to graduate students will focus on five key initiatives: (1) workshops and online resources; (2) a web-based careers forum; (3) discipline- and industry-specific resources; (4) experiential learning and entrepreneurship opportunities; and (5) the Summer Career Institute for Graduate Students. These initiatives will promote career exploration, workplace readiness, skill development, and, ultimately, an improved ability to obtain and excel in meaningful work after graduation and throughout their career.