

Project Title: Human and Environmental Geography Experiential Learning Initiative

Project Summary *(150 words maximum)*

The Learning Initiative, drawing on UBC's Place and Promise Plan of student lead activities providing firsthand research experience while engaging with communities and the environment in a sustainable way, aims to produce an innovative and student-driven experience with relevant curricula and learning tools for undergraduate Geography and UBC students. The two-course initiative (a BC based 3rd year and an international 4th year) allows students to engage locally and internationally providing them with a capstone experience whereby they learn by doing, a cornerstone of geographical research. The Initiative would engage and enrich, but not overlap, upon existing projects in Geography involved in a transformation of curriculum in new and innovative ways, and putting into practice learning occurring in class. The Initiative engages with colleagues across UBC in collaborative development of pedagogies, resources and curriculum on intercultural understanding, international engagement and sustainability (both environmental and social), and draws on UBC students for design and participation in the initiative.