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Aboriginal Access Online Survey –deadline April 16th

Aboriginal Access Services wants to hear from you. A brief online survey is available on the aboriginal access website, to help us collect information on Aboriginal Access Services, ideas and any additional comments or feedback you would like to share. The deadline to complete the survey is April 15th. We will also be giving away free t-shirts to randomly selected participants.

Here is the link to our survey:

http://www.ufv.ca/arc/ARC_Cultural_Activities_Survey.htm

Volunteer Opportunity for Upcoming Events at UFV

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY AWARENESS POW WOW

Tuesday June 1st, 2010.

UFV Abbotsford campus

CONVOCATION

June 10 & 11, 2010.

UFV Abbotsford campus.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with us with both events: set up, organizing, assist with serving elders and guests, take down and clean up . If you are interested in helping out, please contact Josephine Charlie at 604-795-2835 ext 2473.

Free Laptops

First Nations Computer Technology Fund is sponsored by the Bishops Gospel Choir of British Columbia. The purpose of the Fund is to raise the necessary money to award laptop computers to First Nations post-secondary students residing within the Diocese of British Columbia. Each computer awarded will be a new laptop equipped with licensed MS Office Student Edition (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) loaded onto its system. A printer will also be provided with its software loaded onto the computer. The computer will be fully “plug and play”. The laptop will be wireless capable and will also include a protective carry case. The deadline for applications is May 31st.

Here is the link for additional information and the application:

<http://www.bishopsgospelchoir.ca/computers.php>

Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award-\$1000

Canada Post is pleased to offer the Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards as part of its nationwide scholarship program. The program is now in its sixth year and celebrates the motivation and determination of those who have conquered personal economic or social adversity in the pursuit of learning. Submissions will be accepted from May 1 to July 31st, 2010. Please see Elaine Malloway or Betty Peters, in Aboriginal Access Services for application form on brochure or contact: 1-613-734-6398

Employment Opportunity with UVIC Office of Indigenous Affairs

Title: Community Consultant

Primary Goal: Identify the “real costs” of community based distributed learning

Start date: Monday, May 3rd, 2010

End date: Thursday, September 30th, 2010

Pay Rate: \$10,000.00

Preferential Statement: The contract will go to a candidate who has experience in identifying best practices and is familiar with post secondary institution and Indigenous community partnerships. Experience working within Indigenous communities will be an asset. Indigenous candidate preferred.

Application process: Please submit a resume, letter of reference from a community/organization for which consultation or research has been done in the past and a work sample to Lianne Charlie at inafasp@uvic.ca by 4:30 Monday April 26, 2010.

The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford-Summer Student Position

The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford has a summer student position available to a student who is currently going to school and intending to return in fall 2010. Please contact Karina Chow for more information regarding this opportunity.

Karina Chow
Phone: 604 864 8087 ext 123
32388 Veterans Way
Abbotsford, BC V2T 0B3
Website: www.thereach.ca

BC's Public Service's Aboriginal Youth Internship Program

CALL FOR INTERN APPLICATIONS IS OPEN!

Our Intern Job Posting is now up for the Aboriginal Youth Internship Program, 2010/11 program year. **Deadline to apply is Friday, May 14, 2010.**

The Aboriginal Youth Internship Program is a 12 month paid internship for Aboriginal youth residing in BC, age 29 and under. Interns are placed in provincial government ministries for 9 months and then in Aboriginal organizations for the last 3 months of their internship. Interns are supported by the Aboriginal Youth Internship Program staff (Program Lead, Program Coordinator, and Program Administrator), and supervisors and mentors in government ministries and Aboriginal organizations.

Visit the website for additional information and application process:

http://employment.gov.bc.ca/index.php?p=Aboriginal_Youth_Internship_Program&rLoad=1&rLoad=2

If you have questions about the program, please contact me or Allison Beardsworth, Program Coordinator at 250-356-7949.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Amanda Horncastle, Program Administrator, at 250-387-0460.

INROADS partners with Canada and Housing Corp to provide Internship Opportunities:

INROADS is pleased to announce its partnership with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation with the following summer internship opportunities.

- * Analyst – Aboriginal Housing Division (National Office - Ottawa) job closes April 19th
- * Aboriginal Capacity Development Administrator (Atlantic Region - Halifax, Nova Scotia) job closes April 30th
- * Market Research Analyst (Vancouver, British Columbia) job closes April 30th

If you are an Aboriginal student interested in applying to one or all of these positions: please send your electronic resume with CMHC and the title(s) of the positions for which you are applying in the subject line of the e-mail to Ayten Archer at aarcher@inroads.org

CMHC's Aboriginal Housing function works in close collaboration with First Nations, Aboriginal organizations, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and other key partners to offer programs, innovative financing techniques, training tools and information to find solutions to Aboriginal housing issues. Inroads www.inroads.org has been named for 15 consecutive by the Princeton Review as a top 10 North American internship.

The mission of INROADS to develop and place talented minority and aboriginal youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership in Canada, Mexico and USA.

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Aboriginals into Medicine: Pre-admissions Workshop

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC is pleased to announce its eighth annual, "**Aboriginals into Medicine: Pre-admissions Workshop,**" **August 18-19, 2010.** It will take place at the Island Medical Program on the University of Victoria campus in Victoria, BC.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide Aboriginal students with the necessary tools to be successful in their application process into and completing the undergraduate MD program. The workshops will be given by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal physicians, medical students and residents; and university staff and faculty members.

Space is limited, so apply ASAP.

Deadline for registration: June 1st, 2010, Tuesday by 4:30 PM

For registration information please contact:

James Andrew, Associate Director at

Phone: (604) 875-4111, Ext 68946 or email at james.andrew@ubc.ca

First Nations Language-Summer Courses offered by UBC

Did you know that ...

- British Columbia is the ancestral home of more than half of the Aboriginal languages of Canada?
- the Aboriginal languages of the Pacific Northwest were identified by The National Geographic in October 2007 as one of 5 linguistic areas of the world at greatest risk of language extinction?

Come learn about why, and what can be done:

First Nations Languages Program

FNLG 480A.001

3 credits

Endangered Language Documentation and Revitalization

This course offers a critical study of the historical, social, cultural, political, and economic factors impacting on language loss, retention, and revival.

You will explore not only the seriously endangered status of BC's First Nations languages, but also the global context of massive language extinction and the erosion of complex systems of human knowledge.

Learn about research methodologies for collaborative, community-based, transdisciplinary documentation and revitalization of Indigenous linguistic heritage.

Prerequisites: none.

Summer 2010, Term 1: May 11-June 17

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

For more information, please contact: FNLG Office, Buch E-256, 604-822-2512

FNLG Program Assistant: Margaret Gardiner <mgardin@interchange.ubc.ca>

FNLG Program Director: Dr. Patricia A. Shaw <shawpa@interchange.ubc.ca>

Arts Academic Advising: www.arts.ubc.ca/students/aboriginal

Mentorship Opportunity

Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services(ANS) in partnership with Family and Youth Services Society(FAYSS) have developed a youth homelessness initiative (Beat the Streets) to assist at risk or homeless youth of Aldergrove and Langley. We are currently searching for live-in mentors for our transition to independence housing program. This program requires a positive role model with a strong connection to youth and youth issues to educate and support youth aged 16-19years in their path to independence.

Please take note to the length of contract as we are asking a one year commitment from all mentors.

You can apply for this position by sending a resume and cover letter to Loren Roberts at the contact information noted below. Please include the following points in your cover letter:

- a) How do you see the mentorship role being a positive experience for both the youth and yourself?
- b) What are some of the personal disadvantages you may incur by taking on the role of a mentor?
- c) What is mentorship to you, and how would you specifically view this role in an individualized program?

For more information please contact:

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Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services
Langley Youth Homelessness Coordinator
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