

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT (RA) JOB POSTING

**GRANT TITLE:** Climate Grief Cafés – Building Community Resilience Through Collective Reflection

**FUNDING:** Climate Education Fellowship, Sept 2025-March 2026

**CONTACT:** Dr. Breanna Lawrence (blawrence@uvic.ca) (Principal Investigator) EPLS, Education

**POSITION:** We are seeking one or two highly motivated and organized students to join our research team as Research Assistants (RAs). This project develops *Climate Grief Cafés*—community-based gatherings designed as supportive, sensory-friendly spaces for reflection, creative expression, and dialogue on climate change and broader world tensions. The RA(s) will play a key role in event planning, student and community engagement, and supporting group-based processes, as well as contributing to ethics applications and reporting.

**BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Climate Grief Cafés aim to create inclusive, welcoming spaces where UVic students and community members can gather to process emotions, share stories, and imagine hopeful futures. Rooted in resilience theory, the project highlights how collective reflection and creative expression contribute to emotional, relational, and community resilience. The cafés will be documented through video, art, and written reflections, with insights shared through a culminating community gathering and broader knowledge mobilization activities including produced music video viewing events.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with **event planning and logistics** for Climate Grief Cafés.
- Support **student and community engagement**, including outreach and communications.
- Help facilitate **group-based processes** in supportive, inclusive ways.
- Assist with **ethics applications and documentation**.
- Contribute to **report writing** and knowledge mobilization activities.
- Support data collection and documentation (field notes, creative materials, video capture).
- Conduct literature reviews and synthesize findings.
- Maintain organized project files and attend weekly research meetings.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current graduate student (MA/MSc/PhD) in Education, Psychology, Environmental Studies, Sociology, or related field.
- Could also consider a strong **undergraduate student** with demonstrated interpersonal skills and experience supporting **community gatherings or student engagement**.
- Strong skills in **event planning, organization, and community engagement**.
- Interest in climate change, resilience, and student well-being.
- Comfort and openness in supporting **process groups and sensitive discussions**.
- Interest in qualitative research and research creation.
- Strong writing skills for ethics applications, reports, and academic outputs.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

**POSITION DETAILS:**

- Part-time, with flexible hours (to be determined in consultation with the successful candidate).
- Start date: Fall 2025.
- Compensation aligned with undergraduate or graduate student RA rates at the University of Victoria.

**JOB LOCATION ON-CAMPUS:** Victoria, University of Victoria.

**WAGE:** \$34.72 + 4% vacation benefit (Graduate); \$19.85 + 4% vacation benefit (Undergraduate)

**HOURS:** 90 hours

**POSITION DATES:** September 25, 2025 to March 31, 2026

**HOW TO APPLY:** Send a maximum one-page application letter and a 2-3 page CV in an email attachment stating your interest, qualifications and other details you feel would make you the right person for this research position to Dr. Breanna Lawrence ([blawrence@uvic.ca](mailto:blawrence@uvic.ca)) **by September 23, 2025.**