Research Partnership Opportunity

Successful youth leadership programs

Reference #: COMM – 0517

Deadline for expression of interest: 4 p.m., Thursday, January 30

Opportunity

Leadership Victoria is seeking a UVic researcher to develop and conduct a research project exploring what successful youth leadership programs look like in the Greater Victoria area. Specifically, Leadership Victoria is hoping to answer:

• What are these programs doing to develop strong organizational leadership?
• What works and/or what is successful for these programs?
• Who are the targeted program participants (e.g., marginalized youth, mainstream youth, etc.)?

Researcher/student will work in collaboration with the organization to conduct the research project, which may include:

• Data collection such as a jurisdictional scan (Capital Regional District and Gulf Islands), literature review, focus group/survey and interviews with key representatives of youth programs at an event and/or individually as determined in consultation with the organization/researcher
• Selected applicants will be invited to discuss their specific areas of focus and project scope

Leadership Victoria would like to use this research to inform a communications document to be shared with youth programs and other interested stakeholders.

Timeline & deliverables

• Start February 2020 with project completion in 6-10 months depending on project scope

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<td>Inform the creation of appropriate questions for data collection – one on one interviews as well as a larger facilitated focus group/event</td>
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<td>Collecting and synthesizing literature and data from diverse sources</td>
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<td>Analyzing data to identify themes and interconnections</td>
<td>Complete by April 2020</td>
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<td>Developing a community report of findings (format to be determined in consultation with the organization)</td>
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<td>Presenting findings to the organization (date TBA), and other conferences and proceedings as mutually agreed upon</td>
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Expressions of interest
UVic Community Partnerships is requesting expressions of interest from UVic faculty members interested in conducting this research project and/or supervising a graduate student to conduct the research.

Please submit a brief expression of interest (up to 300 words) outlining your relevant background/experience and your interest in the proposed project to communityresearch@uvic.ca by 4 p.m., January 30th, 2020. Please quote the reference number of the opportunity that you are interested in. Expressions of interest will be reviewed in early February, and those invited to proceed will be contacted about next steps.

Graduate students: The faculty member supervisor should review the graduate student’s expression of interest prior to submission by the student. Expressions of interest submitted by a graduate student must include the name of the faculty member who agrees to supervise the research and the faculty member supervisor must be copied/cc’d on the email application.

Funding
- There is currently no funding by the organization; however, the organization is willing to partner with UVic to seek funding to support this research.

Background
About Leadership Victoria
Leadership Victoria is a community-based, voluntary organization committed to developing, supporting and celebrating community leaders who build a vibrant city. Since 2001, Leadership Victoria has become the go-to organization for community leadership development in Greater Victoria. As volunteer board members, coaches, mentors, facilitators, and program partners, Leadership Victoria puts their collective skills and expertise to work to develop Victoria’s emerging generation of leaders.

Questions
Please contact UVic Community Partnerships at communityresearch@uvic.ca for more information.

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