



University
of Victoria
Geography

GEOG 453 'University of Koeye' Field School
Indigenous Knowledge, Science & Resource Management
May 8th – May 14th, 2026
University of Victoria Department of Geography & QQS Projects Society
Application Deadline: Feb 26th, 2026 by 4:00pm

Application Requirements

If you have any issues completing these application requirements, please email geography@uvic.ca.

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For more details on the field school, please see the information sheet.

To apply for this field school, please submit the following:

1. This completed **Application Form**
2. A signed **Field School Waiver Form**
3. Your **Personal Statement and Goals** (see below)

* A \$1,500 field school fee (above and beyond tuition) is due at the time of acceptance (**no deposit is required for application**). This fee includes room and board at the remote Koeye River lodge, return water taxi from Port Hardy, honouraria and travel for Knowledge Holders, Koeye staff, and more. It does NOT include travel to and from Port Hardy (and any possible accommodation there before or after water taxi). Note that this field school fee has already been directly (and considerably) subsidized by the Department of Geography.

Indigenous students: Please see Edward Martin Memorial Fellowship, available to offset or eliminate tuition, course fees and (potentially) travel.

Ways to submit your application:

- Ideally, by email to geography@uvic.ca. Emailed applications should contain "University of Koeye" and your name in the subject line (e.g. "University of Koeye Field School – Jane Smith"). All attachments should be in PDF format only.
- OR in person to the Geography main office, room B203 in the David Turpin building,
- OR by mail to Koeye Field School, Department of Geography, PO Box 3060 Stn CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3R4.

Students will be notified of acceptance by email by March 05, 2026. Students must accept offer by email directed to darimont@uvic.ca and geography@uvic.ca. \$1500 due within on March 12, 2026.

Personal Statement and Goals

Where did you first learn about this field school? _____

On a **separate single page**, please address the following:

1. Discuss why you should be considered for this field school and how the field school would forward your academic, professional, and/or personal goals.

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2. List relevant pre-requisites, related courses from Geography or other departments or personal experiences that have prepared you to undertake this field school.

Personal Information

First name: (student record)	
Last name:	
Preferred first name/pronouns:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Date of birth:	

Educational Information

Currently attending:	(Name of University or College)
UVic student number:	
Program of study:	
Current degree type: (BA / BSc)	
Current year of study:	

Emergency Contact

First name:	
Last name:	
Relationship to you:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	

Medical Information

Family doctor/ Medical clinic (name and phone)	
Personal health number	

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Have you received a tetanus shot within the last 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Medical Information – Continued

Medical conditions/ Prescriptions	
How would you rate your physical ability outdoors? This field school involves sometimes demanding outdoor activities.	
Allergies	
Dietary requirements/ Restrictions	

Please read the following sections carefully and initial:

Refund Policy for Field Schools

Note that the **refund policy** applies equally to:

- Students who have accepted a place in the Field School and decide not to go
- students who begin participation in the Field School and decide to return home early

Extenuating circumstances would allow for a refund of field course fees. These extenuating circumstances:

- **Do include:** proof of a personal, family, or medical emergency submitted with a written request for the refund including supporting documentation from appropriate professionals (such as doctors and/or counselors).
- **Do not include:** inability to raise sufficient funds by the payment deadline, or early return due to culture shock, homesickness, legal or academic discipline, criminal activity, or other external events in the outside community that are beyond the control of the UVic Field School.

Once additional payments have been made, and before the Field School participants depart, these payments will be returned upon withdrawal for valid reasons. Payments will be returned less any costs that have been paid for accommodation or other expenses for the Field School. **Field school cancellation would result in a full refund.**

_____ (applicant initial here)

Photographic Permissions

I understand that while I am on this field school, photographs may be taken of me (group and/or individual). These photos may be used by the University of Victoria and/or the Department of Geography as promotional material. I understand that if I do not wish photographs of myself to be used in this manner, it is my responsibility to let the Field School Instructors know.

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_____ (applicant initial here)

General Consent/ Permission

I _____ (*name of applicant*) understand that the University of Koeye Field School (GEOG 453) program offered by the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria may expose participants to elements of risk. I also acknowledge that accidents may occur while participating in the program and can be a result of the nature of the activity and can occur without fault on either the part of the participant or the University of Victoria. I am aware that the Geography Department will take necessary and appropriate safety precautions and will attempt to minimize any associated risks. Accidents, however, may cause loss of personal property, injury or even death. As a registered participant, I accept the risk of an accident occurring.

Examples of the types of hazards to which I may be exposed while participating include, but are not limited to:

- TERRAIN: any manner of injury resulting from falls on or from steep, slippery, or uneven terrains. Injury or death may be caused by, but not limited to, making contact with rocks, trees, obstructions and other participants, visible or non-visible.
- WEATHER: injury or illness resulting from exposure to heat, sunlight, or winds.
- ANIMALS: Injury resulting from interaction with wildlife: bears, wolves, cougars, snakes, bees, etc.
- HEALTH RISKS: [It is highly recommended that you ensure you have current tetanus vaccination]. I am responsible for ensuring that I take serious precautions to avoid health problems. For instance, I will ensure that I am adequately hydrated with safe water. In case I need to consult a doctor and/or dentist, I understand that I may have to pay the fees associated with such a visit i.e., boat and vehicle transportation.
- HAZARDS OF TRAVEL: injury resulting from boat transport, hiking over unstable logs and rocks, etc.
- OTHER HAZARDS: those not explicitly identified above. For instance, sexual harassment and other forms of harassment will not be tolerated.

Special policy on CoViD designed to keep Indigenous partners and students safe

I also acknowledge I will be asked to submit a voluntary declaration of up-to-date CoViD vaccination status (by April 24), and understand that my ability to interact with Indigenous Knowledge Holders will be restricted without such declaration or if I am not up-to-date (as defined by the Provincial Health Officer of BC) on CoViD vaccination. I also acknowledge that I will be encouraged to participate in multiple days of rapid antigen testing prior to, and during, the field school experience, and that my ability to take the course and/or interact with Indigenous Knowledge Holders and other students will be restricted or lost should I declare a positive test result. Finally, I will read and follow the broader CoViD policy document specifically tailored to this field course.

_____ (applicant initial here)

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Declaration

I wish to participate in the University of Koeye Field School at UVic. I have read and signed or initialled all of the required sections of this application form.

Participant name (print clearly):	Date:
Participant Signature:	
Witness name (print clearly):	Date:
Witness Signature:	