

The Aboriginal Steering Committee (ASC) at HELP is seeking new members.

Volunteer with us and share your knowledge and experience!

The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) is a collaborative, interdisciplinary early child development research institute based at the University of British Columbia.

First established in 2003, the Aboriginal Steering Committee (ASC) at HELP is made up of community members with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit ancestry, including Elders. ASC members are vital to ensuring that HELP's research has meaning for, and is consistent with, First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities' objectives and intentions for their children and families.

By sharing their knowledge and experience, ASC members support a deeper understanding of the social and cultural determinants of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children's health and well-being. The ASC ensures HELP's research activities involving First Nations, Métis, and Inuit are reflective of the diverse histories, cultures, languages, values and ways of knowing and being.

HELP's staff and faculty recognize and respect the importance of language, culture, identity, traditional land ties, and self-determination for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities, and are guided by this philosophy, and the principles of OCAP, in its research and knowledge sharing processes.

We need you to guide this important work forward. We are looking for creative and energetic individuals who share our common interest in improving developmental outcomes for all First Nation, Métis, and Inuit children in B.C.

Please visit earlylearning.ubc.ca/about/aboriginal-community-engagement/ to learn more about the ASC and HELP and to meet current members of the ASC.

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The Details

REQUIREMENTS OF ASC MEMBERS

- Must be of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit ancestry
- Must be available to work on ASC-related goals and activities as required
- Asked to commit to a two-year term minimum
- Participate in face-to-face meetings generally held on Zoom (COVID-19 restrictions) or at the UBC Longhouse or the HELP office (UBC Vancouver campus xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Traditional Territory)
- Provide an updated résumé, cover letter, and two references
- Provide a bio and contact info for the HELP website
- Take part in local HELP-related research workshops and other events, when available

If you are interested in joining the ASC, please submit your résumé, cover letter, and two references by April 30, 2023 via email to:

Kinwa Bluesky

Indigenous.Initiatives@help.ubc.ca

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HELP

- The Sr. Indigenous Initiatives Manager at HELP organizes meetings and materials for the ASC
- Hotel, travel, and meal per diems are covered by HELP when travel is required

Please note, this is a volunteer position with the exception for Elders, who receive a \$300 honouraria for each day of meeting participation.

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