

APPLY

To apply to the Indigenous Youth Internship Program, visit www.gov.bc.ca/myhr or search for IYIP BC online. Please submit the following information:

- Application form (found on IYIP)
- Résumé
- Cover letter
- One reference form filled by a member of an Indigenous community you are connected to (i.e., Elder, teacher, coach, youth worker, Indigenous organization or post-secondary Indigenous department, urban organization, or Friendship Centre, hereditary or elected Chief or leader)
- One reference form filled out by a past employer or volunteer position.

2024 TIMELINES

March - May: Applications accepted
June: Shortlisted applicants are interviewed.
July: Successful applicants are notified
Sept 11: First day of internship.
Sept 12-15: Orientation week

CONTACT INFORMATION

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“IYIP has brought me together with 24 other like-minded Indigenous youths where we have created life-long relationships and a strong support network where I can feel free to be myself.”

– SARAH POWELL, Indigenous Youth Intern, Ministry of Transportation



Indigenous Youth Internship Program

Empowering Indigenous Youth in B.C.



Where ideas work

ELIGIBILITY

To apply to the Indigenous Youth Internship program (IYIP) you must:

- Be of Indigenous heritage (First Nations status or non-status, Métis, Inuit)
- 19-29 years of age as of Sept 1, 2024
- Reside in B.C.
- Grade 12 education as of March 2024 or equivalent with some post-secondary education, or equivalent with a combination of work, life, community, education
- Demonstrated leadership potential, either through work, and community or volunteer experience.
- Knowledge of Indigenous governments and organizations such as First Nations band councils, BC Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Métis Nation BC, or other provincial and urban organizations such as the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, youth councils and associations.



EXPERIENCE

The Indigenous Youth Internship Program offers a unique and innovative twelve-month internship program that is culturally responsive and supported.

Successful candidates work for nine months in the BC Public Service, followed by three months in an Indigenous organization.

As an intern, you will learn many aspects of public service and provincial government processes. You will participate in workshops, expand your professional skills, and develop strong working relationships. The program:

- Encourages Indigenous youth to consider the BC Public Service or Indigenous organizations as a place to pursue a rewarding career.
- Supports Indigenous youth to develop their leadership skills.

- Provides opportunities for Indigenous youth to contribute and improve relationship building between Indigenous communities or organizations and the provincial government.
- Contributes to closing the social and economic gaps that exist between Indigenous people and other British Columbians

ACTION

Some exciting areas you could be working in include:

- Ministry-specific job assignments and projects, financial processes
- Communications and engagement
- Program development and delivery
- Policy development and analysis
- Project development and management
- Event coordinator
- Workshop facilitation

