**MOTIVATION**

As the global climate crisis progresses, it is presenting us with unprecedented challenges at an increasing rate. The effects of these new challenges are not isolated, spreading across many aspects of our society and environment. Conventional solutions are often quite field-specific and may not account for the interconnectedness of systems and potential “spillover” effects. Thus, there is a growing need to approach these complex problems with a wider lens that encompasses a multitude of associated issues instead of trying to address a single component. To accomplish this, there is a need to include a variety of fields and promote cross-disciplinary communication and collaboration, and to develop integrated interventions for our climate problems.

**JOIN THE CO-DESIGN COHORT**

We are looking for students from diverse educational backgrounds to work as part-time research assistants (RAs) together in a collaborative learning project centred around climate action. Each member of the cohort will bring their own unique perspective and set of skills to share with the group where ideas and concepts from different fields will merge together to create new transdisciplinary approaches to current and future climate-related issues. This transdisciplinary cohort of student research assistants (upper-year undergraduates, and graduates) will participate in a 6-month study of the co-design process to help develop a novel collaborative PhD program to be implemented in Fall 2022. The Co-Design cohort position will run from January 2022 to June 2022, and is a paid position.

**APPLY TO BECOME A CO-DESIGN RA**

If you are interested in applying for the Co-Design research assistant position, please follow the link to the application form here [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_agj5Wz-V2wN4a9ts](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_agj5Wz-V2wN4a9ts)

**CONTACT**

If you have questions about the Co-Design Research assistantship or would like to connect to discuss the opportunity, please reach out to the team lead, Dr. Naoko Ellis (UBC Chemical and Biological Engineering) at naoko.ellis@ubc.ca