

First Nations Education Steering Committee

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Director of Jurisdiction

Overview

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) is an independent society led by a strong and diverse board of over 100 First Nations community representatives. FNESC is committed to improving education for all First Nations students in BC. FNESC works in partnership with the First Nations School Association (FNSEA), and the Indigenous Adult Higher Learning Association (IAHLA), as well as other partner organizations.

We are currently recruiting for a Director of Jurisdiction to join our team and play a key role in our commitment to improve education for all First Nations students in BC.

Initially, the Director of Jurisdiction will report to the Executive Director, FNESC with the eventual plan that the Director of Jurisdiction will become the Executive Director, FNEA and will report to the FNEA Board of Directors.

Duties and Responsibilities for implementing Jurisdiction and the FNEA:

Implementation of Jurisdiction:

- Support negotiating First Nations (NFNs), and ultimately Participating First Nations (PFNs), to effectively implement Jurisdiction as set out in legislation and agreements.

Consultation and Partnerships:

- Coordinating consultation and partnership opportunities with BC First Nations to determine their ongoing vision for a First Nations education regulatory body;
- Working closely with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSEA) in order to determine the appropriate relationship between the organizations and to ensure that programs (such as school assessment and teacher certification initiatives) are complimentary and aligned;

Research and Material Development:

- Overseeing and/or conducting research related to the development of FNEA framework. This includes research regarding current provincial graduation requirements, the creation of a “regulatory” body for BC First Nations education, and the development of policies and procedures for the FNEA to implement regulatory functions as laid out in the federal and provincial First Nations Education Jurisdiction Acts.

Outreach and Communications:

- Taking direction from the FNEA Board of Directors and ensuring appropriate representation of the FNEA in relevant outreach activities and opportunities;
- Working closely with legal counsel and advisors when preparing FNEA policies and procedures to ensure that the implementation of FNEA regulatory functions meet requirements as laid out in agreements and the federal and provincial First Nations Education Acts;

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Organizational Operations:

- Managing and reporting on budgets, work plans, organizational achievements or issues, and strategic plans;
- Management of FNEA staff including hiring, reviewing performance, disciplining and terminating employees when necessary;

Other Duties:

- Locating adequate office space that will house the long term needs of the FNEA;
- Other duties related to the overall management of FNEA and FNEA programs, services, and mission.

Required Qualifications:

- A minimum of a Bachelors' Degree or higher in a relevant field (Education, Business Administration, Law, Public Administration, Political Science, etc.);
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience working with complex legal issues and consulting with legal advisors and subject matter experts;
- Extensive experience and understanding of First Nations education issues and BC First Nations education agreements, partnerships, and legislation;
- A minimum of three years' experience managing programs, services, budgets, and staff;
- Dependability and reliability;
- Valid drivers' license and satisfactory criminal record check;
- Flexibility for travel when/if required.

Hours of Work:

This is a full time position. Extensive frequent travel is required throughout the province of BC.

Work Location:

Regionally based within the province of British Columbia.

The salary for this position is \$105,000 per year. The FNESC benefits program will also apply until this position no longer reports to the Executive Director, FNESC.

We thank everyone who applies for their interest in FNESC. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications, we are only able to respond to those applicants who are selected for an interview. We cannot respond to telephone or email inquiries.

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