THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Virtual Networking Volunteer Role Description

Background

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, many students and recent graduates have struggled to build their professional networks within the virtual environment. As networking is a pillar of career success, it is vital that our community continues to build connections and practice networking skills that will serve them both in today's virtual world and in face-to-face interactions in the future.

The **Your Next Step: Virtual Networking Event** will focus on developing networking skillsets through teaching and practice. UBC alumni are invited to connect with students and recent alumni to share their experiences and offer career advice through virtual conversations. Topics will include building your network, navigating change, job searching, and establishing yourself in your early career.

This event series is presented as part of **Your Next Step.** Navigating the changing economy, being ready for emerging opportunities, and connecting with *alumni UBC's* worldwide network of alumni is more important than ever. **Your Next Step** brings together valuable career resources from across UBC to help graduating students and alumni make the most of their talents, interests, and education in a changing world of work. <u>Learn more.</u>

Volunteer Criteria

- Alumni from all UBC degree programs are welcome.
- Must be at least four years out from university (graduated in 2017 or earlier).
- Should be comfortable speaking in front of a group and answering questions on the spot.
- Should be reasonably comfortable using technology (Eg. Participating in virtual meetings and completing online surveys).
- Volunteers are <u>NOT</u> required to be experts in networking, resumes, job search strategies, or any other related topic. Instead, we request volunteers share advice and perspective from their personal career journey and experience.

Time Commitment

Volunteers will be expected to attend the virtual event as well as the pre-event briefing on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 22</u>, <u>2021 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm PDT</u>. In addition, optional event rehearsals will be available to volunteers who would like more time to discuss the program and ask questions.

This event will require approximately **two hours** of the volunteers' time – one and a half hours for the event and a half hour for the pre-event briefing.

Volunteer Application

To complete your volunteer application, please <u>click here</u>. Volunteers will be reached out to directly with additional information.