

The **Centre for the Study of Services to Children and Families (CSSCF)** mission is to identify and support the development of evidence-informed policies, programs, and services aimed at improving the lives of children, youth, and families from diverse social contexts. We strive to become a leading centre for child welfare research in British Columbia.

Our Volunteers

Volunteers are undergraduate and graduate students who participate in Centre projects and activities. This may include participation in projects through available opportunities that may align with the student’s interest areas or independent student projects that align with the CSSCF’s interest areas in child welfare, child, youth, and family services, and other adjacent areas.

Opportunities for Volunteers



Increased Content Knowledge About Child Welfare

Volunteers will be able to learn and expand their knowledge base of the child welfare system in British Columbia, and the development and evaluation of child, youth and family services.

Contributions from Volunteers



Eagerness to Learn

One of the CSSCF’s core values is the mentorship of students. Volunteers will be able to have a more enriching experience if they have a desire to learn more about applied research and ways to disseminate and apply research to practical situations.

Academic Development



Volunteers may have the opportunity, depending on their assigned activities, to increase their knowledge and skills of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodologies used in applied research, community engagement, and knowledge mobilization and dissemination processes.

Creativity and Authenticity



- Students who enjoy being creative and have graphic and website design skills may be able to help create knowledge dissemination products.
- Lived experiences and subjectivities are meaningful, and can enrich the work done; we welcome students who are comfortable in expressing themselves in their contributions.

Professional Development



The CSSCF invites students to take initiative in envisioning how they want their learning to look like. Volunteers will be able to connect with graduate and undergraduate students in social work, and other disciplines, allowing for continuous refinement of soft skills and potential for career exploration.

Ability to Commit up to 5h/week



Volunteers can decide their weekly commitments, with a maximum of up to five hours a week. We ask that students, depending on the activities, commit accordingly to the length of time to reach the end of an assigned project. This allows volunteers to see through a project, and see the products they helped contribute to!

We acknowledge that the CSSCF is situated on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples and the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Peoples.

Please note that this is an unpaid position.