

Supply Chain & Industrial Cluster Analysis – Internship

About the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC):

The LCIC is the regional economic development organization that drives economic growth in the "Lower Columbia" sub-region of the West Kootenay (Trail, Rossland, Fruitvale, Warfield, Montrose and Regional Districts Area A & B). The LCIC assists existing business and industry to maintain a healthy economic climate, while identifying and pursuing new economic opportunities (<u>www.lcic.ca</u>).

What is the role of the Research Assistant?

Supply chain disruptions due to covid-19 have had a particularly detrimental effect on the local economy. In order for the LCIC to provide effective support to local industry, we need a snapshot across industry sectors to understand the current challenges faced by companies. The intern will be responsible for researching specific industry sector supply chains from raw material inputs to end products, by-products and wastes. The intern will subsequently be responsible for conducting an analysis of challenges faced by local companies with respect to supply chain management and suggesting potential solutions to mitigate these problems where possible.

Main Duties:

- Planning the research project with assistance from LCIC staff.
- Executing the research project including data collection and analysis.
- Writing a report on research findings including an analysis of supply chain trends, as well as prediction of future trends and recommendations on how to mitigate identified problems.
- If time allows, the intern may also have the opportunity to participate in creation of an execution strategy based on the research findings.

Required Skills & Experience:

- Research skills
- Problem solving & creative thinking
- Critical thinking
- Communication skills
- Business acumen
- Demonstrated ability to work independently (via projects) and as part of a team

This internship is contingent on securing funding.

To apply: Submit cover letter, resume and an example of completed research to <u>rrichards@lcic.ca</u>