

BC Region Federal Government Participation in the Indigenous Intern Leadership Program

Intern Profiles

Placements for Fall 2021

- 1. Michael Barriault**, Indigenous Services Canada, August 2020
 - Michael's cultural heritage is Qalipu Nation in Newfoundland, but grew up in the Okanagan, and later moved to Vancouver to attend school at UBC.
 - Michael graduated from UBC Sauder School of Business, with a Bachelor's of Commerce, majoring in accounting. He is currently working towards obtaining his CPA designation and is interested in pursuing other designations, such as the CFA, CAFN & FP.
 - Michael has had a strong work ethic instilled in him since he was ten years old, working various jobs from paper delivery to being an intern in commercial banking. He recently joined the Economic Development department at ISC.

- 2. Madelaine Fisher**, Fisheries and Oceans, November 2020
 - Madelaine is Metis from the traditional homeland of the Red River, but was born and raised in the small town of Rossland, BC where she continues to reside.
 - Madelaine is a recent graduate from the University of Calgary, where she obtained a degree in International Indigenous Studies and History. While attending school, she studied abroad at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, where she focused her studies on the history of Southeast Asia.
 - Growing up with a family of business owners, Madelaine has been working since she was a kid and hopes that her hard working attitude, and love for fishing will help her succeed at her new position with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy team.

- 3. Joy William**, Transport Canada, October 2020
 - Joy is Wet'suwet'en from Witset, BC and currently resides in Vancouver.
 - Graduate with an MSc International Business from the University of Hartfordshire and Graduate Diploma from Capilano University.
 - In the past 2.5 years she has worked with both Recycle BC and JABC to start or expand their programming in First Nations communities across BC.

Placements for February 2022

4. Francine Alphonse, Service Canada, December 2020

- Francine is a member of Cowichan Tribes, located in Duncan, BC, where she works and resides.
- She is a graduate of the University of Victoria and has a Diploma in Business Administration
- Francine has significant work and volunteer experience with First Nation communities and organizations in the Duncan, BC, area. She is actively involved in cultural ceremonies throughout the Coast Salish territory (Vancouver Island to the mainland down throughout Washington State). She is passionate about practicing the teachings passed onto her by her parents and ensuring they are passed on to the next generation.

5. Shanice Manson, Service Canada, December 2020

- Shanice is a member of Snuneymuxw First Nation, located in Nanaimo, BC and she currently resides in Vancouver, BC.
- She graduated from Vancouver Island University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Geoscience.
- Shanice has extensive experience in laboratory research, fieldwork and quality control in the collection and analysis of mineral samples and she comes with a strong analytical background.

6. Kirsten Martin, Service Canada, December 2020

- Kirsten is a member of the Lake Babine First Nation located west of Prince George, BC and she currently resides in Vancouver, BC.
- She is a recent graduate of Capilano University with a Bachelor Degree in Tourism Management.
- Kirsten is also new to the workforce with recent experience in customer service in the hospitality industry.

7. James Walsoff, Service Canada, December 2020

- James is a member of the Tahltan First Nation of Telegraph Creek, in Northern BC and James recently worked for the First Nations Health Authority in Vancouver, BC where he currently resides.
- He is a recent graduate of Capilano University with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration.
- James is new to the workforce but he recently completed a 3 month Co-Op Student placement with the afore mentioned First Nations Health Authority.

Placements for Spring 2022

8. Chris Cardinal, Indigenous Services Canada, February 2021

- Chris is a proud member of Saddle Lake Cree Nation, located northeast of Edmonton, AB, and currently resides in Vancouver, BC, with his family.
- He recently graduated from UBC with a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning with a specialization in Indigenous Community Planning.
- By working through a successful Master's practicum project, working with a First Nation community in northern BC, Chris wants to continue pursuing working with and for Indigenous peoples, and is appreciative of ISC for creating that opportunity for him.

9. Shayla Sopracolle-Tate, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, January 2021

- Shayla has had the privilege and honor to grow up on We Wai Kai Nation's traditional and unceded territory also known as Quadra Island, BC
- She graduated from Quest University Canada in 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Her work involves co-governance of marine resources in BC and bridges gaps between Indigenous and scientific worldviews
- Shayla has ancestral ties to the Red River Métis Settlement and is a proud member of the North Island Métis Nation

Placements for Summer 2022

10. Laatya James, Employment and Social Development Canada, April 2021

- Is a member of the Syilx Nation located in interior BC currently resides in Vancouver.
- Current business student at Okanagan College, finalizing her study in the Business Administrative Program specializing in Human Resource Management
- Spent the last year working at the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society as a finance administrative assistant. The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society is non-profit organization that provides programs for the urban indigenous community

11. Theresa Johnny, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, June 2021

- Theresa is a member of the Cowichan Tribes
- Current student – Bachelor of Art, Major in First Nation studies, minor in Business Management.
- Enjoys hunting and fishing, and is grateful to be a new member of the DFO Oceans and Fisheries.

12. Sarah Westbury, Western Economic Development, April 2021

- She has ancestral ties to the Michel First Nation/Enoch Cree Nation in Treaty 6 (Alberta), but has been a guest on the unceded territories of Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh for most of her life.
- She recently graduated from the University of Victoria with B.A. double major in anthropology and environmental studies, and is one course away from completing a certificate in public policy and governance.
- Before joining the federal government, she spent the last nine months working for a start-up tech company in a sales and marketing position.