



**Wet'suwet'en Governance Research Assistant Job Description
Temporary Contract Position: September 2019 – March 2020**

Deadline to Apply: August 30, 2019

Email resumes to: governance@wetsuweten.com

Fax resumes to 250-847-5381 Attention: Molly Wickham

Role: Assist the governance team in the collection and compilation of research data to support drafting of the Wet'suwet'en constitution work. The research assistant will report directly to the governance director overseen by the Executive Director.

Skills required:

- In depth knowledge of Wet'suwet'en traditional governance
- Excellent communication skills and ability to work collaboratively on project ideas and challenges
- Attention to detail
- Critical thinking in analyzing impacts of colonisation
- Proficient in Microsoft word and excel
- Data collection
- Strong organizational skills with experience in developing research themes
- Academic Research experience
- Strong understanding of impacts of colonisation and empowerment strategies for Indigenous Peoples.
- Ability to work independently

Primary Responsibilities:

- Use multiple streams of data to locate historical information. i.e Delgamuukw/Gisday'wa documents, internet, legal documents, local research findings, and other published or unpublished books and articles
- Assist in the documentation of research sources and organise data as directed
- Assist in the development of a Wet'suwet'en annotated bibliography and organizing constitution bibliography
- Provide technical support to the governance team

Qualifications: Education and Experience:

- Minimum of bachelor's degree in Indigenous Studies, Sociology, Anthropology or other related social justice field
- 3-5 years experience working with Indigenous elders, youth, and communities
- Experience using Indigenous methods of data collection, working with oral histories, and implementing reciprocity in research relationships
- Preference given to qualified candidates of Wet'suwet'en or Indigenous ancestry