

STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Student Internship Program Committee, working with Institute staff, is responsible for the oversight, coordination, direction, and implementation of the Institute's Student Internship Program. Board member Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP continued as Chair of the Committee in 2025.

PIBC-LED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

The Institute's Planning Practice and Reconciliation Committee engaged a student (Crystal Lee Melting Tallow) to support an Institute-funded Mitacs research project, *Assessing Possibilities and Challenges for Decolonial Planning Education and Practice in British Columbia*. This year-long internship concludes in late 2026, and it is expected that an accompanying article will be drafted and published in a future issue *Planning West* magazine to report on the project.

STUDENT-LED INTERNSHIPS:

The Committee launched the call for student-led internship applications in July 2025. Of the proposals submitted to the

Committee to review and consider, three projects were selected for funding:

- Curtis Huppee for "Wildfire Self-Audit Toolkit";
- Kristina Shubert for "Advancing Child Care in Burnaby and Beyond"; and
- Sophia Gregory for "Developing a Rapid Condition Assessment Method for Natural Asset Management for Small Communities"

It is expected that articles will be drafted and published in *Planning West* in 2026 to report out on and share the results of the above noted projects and research work by the selected student internship recipients.

COMMITTEE THANKS:

Thanks are extended to the professional, academic, and student members who volunteered and contributed their time and effort to this committee in 2025. Appreciation is also extended to staff for their support of the work of the Committee. Thank you.



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