

Indigenous Ocean Ecosystem Navigator

Ocean Startup Project & South Island Prosperity Partnership

Pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, preference will be given to members of the following designated groups: Indigenous peoples.

About this Position

Are you passionate about oceans? Do you love meeting new people? Are you interested in entrepreneurship and building clean, sustainable opportunities for Indigenous peoples and communities? We'd like to hear from you!

The Indigenous Ocean Ecosystem Navigator (Navigator) is a relationship building role that aims to connect Indigenous entrepreneurs and communities to blue economy opportunities.

We believe in strengths-based leadership and there is room to shape this role to suit your passion and experience. We don't expect our ideal candidate to have all the following skills and experience and are willing to provide on the job training to support your development in the role.

We are looking for someone who is an excellent listener and communicator who is comfortable meeting and working with new people. The ideal candidate is passionate about oceans and is excited to connect people and communities with the programs and resources they need to do what they want to do. Working closely with the COAST, IPC and Ocean Startup (OSP) Teams, you will have the opportunity to grow your network across the country and to connect people, businesses and communities with blue economy opportunities.

As the navigator, your duties will include:

- With support from the IPC Director, build relationships with First Nations, Indigenous businesses and Indigenous organizations, and Indigenous relations leads in relevant businesses, governments and organizations
- Help project partners collaborate by scheduling meetings, creating agendas, taking notes and tracking action items
- Help OSP, COAST and partners grow their understanding of how to inspire, initiate and invest in Indigenous entrepreneurs and communities and to understand what supports are needed to grow participation in the blue economy
- Promote awareness of ocean innovation opportunities, and connect early stage entrepreneurs into the ecosystem, with a strong focus on BC and Vancouver Island
- As part of a team, help with plan and deliver programs, events and competitions for OSP and COAST
- Attend networking events for the start-up ecosystem and ocean technology companies.
- Support First Nations communities and Indigenous entrepreneurs with the identification of business opportunities
- *The duties in this position might change from time to time.*

This position reports to the Executive Director of the Ocean Startup Project and the CEO of the South Island Prosperity Partnership.

This role requires a driver's license (Class 7, 5 or better) and access to a vehicle.

Working Conditions

- Office and remote environments

- Field Offices and In Community environments - the Navigator will regularly work from COAST/OSP partner offices to build and maintain relationships.
- Regular travel (with travel outside the Victoria region planned with advance notice)
- Occasional extended working hours

To apply:

Please email a resume and cover letter or video/voice message telling us about yourself, your passions and why you're interested in the role to recruitment@canadacoast.ca

There is no deadline to apply, applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. If you are interested in the role, we encourage you to apply soon.

If you'd like to talk to someone about this role, please email Elysia Glover at recruitment@canadacoast.ca

Term: Full-time Contract until March 31, 2023 with possibility of renewal

Location: Based in Victoria, BC with travel throughout BC and Canada

Compensation:

- Commensurate with experience
- Entitled to standard benefits package (including extended medical coverage) administered by COAST

About the Ocean Start-up Project

The Ocean Start-up Project is a pan-Atlantic collaboration of South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP), Creation Destruction Lab (CDL), Genesis, Innovacorp, New Brunswick Innovation Foundation, PEI BioAlliance, and Springboard Atlantic. The vision is to build a diverse world-class innovation ecosystem for ocean technology start-ups.

The Ocean Startup Project has been successfully building Canada's ocean startup ecosystem for the past 24 months. From the outset, the Ocean Startup Project sought to connect with people and raise awareness of the massive global opportunity that exists in the ocean sector. The Ocean Startup Project is focused on making Canada the best place in the world to start and grow ocean companies. It is clear that placing a priority on inspiring, initiating and investing in new and early-stage ocean companies is necessary to advance our collective vision for Canada's ocean economy and it is clear it is working.

About the South Island Prosperity Partnership and COAST

SIPP is an alliance of over 70 public and private-sector partners in Greater Victoria, including 10 local governments, nine First Nations, three post-secondary institutions, nine industry associations and nonprofits, and more than 30 major employers. An initiative of SIPP, the Centre for Ocean Applied Sustainable Technologies (COAST) is building Pacific Canada's hub for the sustainable blue economy. COAST brings together people, ideas, businesses and communities to create an innovation hub and robust economic ecosystem where ideas are nurtured and applied to create meaningful jobs and other positive benefits for years to come. SIPP is also incubating the Indigenous Prosperity Centre, an Indigenous-led economic development capacity building initiative.