

Science One Sessional Lecturer Position

Job Posting Date: August 7, 2026

Application Deadline: August 20, 2026

The Faculty of Science invites applications for a part-time Sessional Lecturer position to teach the Scientific Thinking and Literacy component of Science One in 2026 Winter Term 1 and Term 2.

Term 1 runs September 8 – December 22, 2026; Term 2 runs January 5 – April 27, 2027.

Course Description:

The core of Scientific Thinking & Literacy (STL) is a set of 12-15 one-hour lessons integrated into Science One, an intensive multidisciplinary first-year program. These lessons were developed by previous instructors and deal with the soft aspects of science that are often missed in first year, including the types of literature, scientific writing, ethics, presenting at conferences, etc. STL lessons support two capstone projects in which students explore a scientific discovery and design and conduct an original experiment, both culminating in student-led conference-style presentations.

Job Description:

Responsibilities include teaching STL lessons at flexible times within the Science One schedule; providing written and occasionally oral feedback on student work; holding regular office hours; mentoring and evaluating approximately 12–15 students per term on their capstone projects; collaborating with the instructional team on course schedule and other STL-related matters; coordinating STL-related activities including capstone projects, project presentations, and guest speakers; attending weekly instructional team meetings.

The workload is equivalent to approximately 1.5 credit per term.

Qualifications:

Candidates should have a Master or PhD in any field of science, and relevant teaching experience at the post-secondary level, ideally with experience teaching writing or communication. Experience with the Canvas learning management system is an asset.

How to apply:

Applications should include an up-to-date curriculum vitae and cover letter. Names of references will be requested from short-listed candidates. Applications should be submitted to science1@mail.ubc.ca. For any questions, please email our program administrator at science1@mail.ubc.ca.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

The expected salary for this position is \$10,550 to \$11,500 for the Winter session (including Term 1 and Term 2), commensurate with qualifications and experience.