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# UBC/ACARN PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT

FACILITATING AGRICULTURAL ADAPTATION TO A CHANGING CLIMATE



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As per the Partnership Development Grant (PDG) Terms of Reference, all members of the PDG Team (Advisory Committee, Partners, and Observers) will receive a written update on the PDG Project every 3 months beginning January 2020.

This document summarizes progress from January 1 2020-March 31 2020.

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2. Analysis of existing programs and policies
3. Finalized interview questions
4. Expert interviews
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## PROJECT SUMMARY

This social science research project will examine agricultural adaptation to climate change in two diverse regions in BC: the Cariboo and the Okanagan.

### Research Questions:

1) What are the organizations that have a role in agricultural adaptation and what are the relationships between them? What role do they play in the implementation of climate change adaptation policies and programs?

2) How are priorities set and adaptation program decisions made within and between organizations?

3) How is information about adaptation policies and programs shared with producers and how are their experiences/feedback incorporated into policy and program refinement?

4) How do the relationships between organizations support or impede agricultural adaptation to climate change and what challenges or barriers exist within these relationships?

Data collection for this project includes analysis of existing programs and policies for agricultural adaptation to climate change in the Okanagan and Cariboo Regions and semi-structured interviews with individuals from key organizations

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*A more detailed description of the project and deliverables is available in the "PDG Project Workplan" which has been distributed to the PDG Team.*

*Please contact Lauren Arnold to request a copy*

### 1. Finalized Terms of Reference and updated team membership

- In January 2020 the research team created a Terms of Reference in order to outline expectations for participation in three categories: Advisory Committee members, Partners, and Observers
- Confirmed Advisory Committee members:
  - Joanne Taylor
  - John Janmaat
  - Lauren Arnold
  - Shauna MacKinnon
  - Serena Black
  - Hannah Wittman
  - Jason Lussier
  - Nelson Jatel
- Confirmed Partner members:
  - Donna Senese
  - Laura Morillas
  - Emily McNair
- PDG team members were added to these groups either via invitation or self-selection
- Please contact Lauren Arnold if you wish to join the PDG Team or update your membership

### 2. Analysis of existing programs and policies

- Analysis of programs and policies for agricultural adaptation in the Cariboo and Okanagan Regions is ongoing
- The goal, once interviews are complete, is to produce an "institutional map" that allows programs and policies in each region and the network of relationships between them to be visualized.

### 3. Finalized interview questions

- Members of the Advisory Committee and Partners provided feedback and a final interview guide has been circulated to the Advisory Committee (available to all PDG Team members upon request)

### 4. Expert Interviews

- A set of initial interviews has been scheduled for the end of March 2020 and early April 2020 with members of the PDG Team
- These pilot interviews will be included in project results, but also provide an additional opportunity to refine the questions and interview process

### 5. Interview scheduling and data collection

- Interviews are being scheduled for April 2020 and will continue over the spring/summer
- Due to COVID-19 we are now anticipating that all interviews will be conducted over the phone or via video calling
- Interviews will be recorded and transcribed and analyzed after data collection is complete

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