



Project Summary (150 words maximum)

Our society now recognizes the importance of getting children outside to experience and connect with the natural world, and yet, student teachers have few opportunities to practice this. What is needed is an outdoor classroom for UBC student teachers to explore teaching and learning across the curriculum in an outdoor setting – something they will be encountering increasingly in schools. This space will become a 'living laboratory' where faculty and students can develop exemplary learning experiences, which can be translated to schools. **Learning to Teach in an**

Outdoor Classroom is an initiative by students, faculty, and staff in the Faculty of Education in cooperation with LFS and SALA. Building on established guiding principles and an initial participatory design process, we intend to build the outdoor classroom and integrate the space into teacher education curriculum and pedagogy. This requires funding several positions to foster students as agents of change and sustain beyond-the-classroom learning to nurture connections between land, food, and healthy communities.