

# BCTF News



Kids matter

Teachers care

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## Opportunities for Members

### Committee Vacancies

The BCTF has vacancies on the Committee for Action on Social Justice—Disability Justice Action Group, and the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. For more details and application instructions, visit the [BCTF Committee Postings webpage](#).

### Advisory panel to address racially discriminatory actions

The BCTF is convening a five-person advisory panel to investigate options to address racially discriminatory actions by and between members and/or groups of members that occur within Federation spaces. For more information and application instructions, [click here](#). The deadline to apply is **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2021**.

### Employment Opportunities

The BCTF has the following two vacancies for full-time positions:

- Assistant Director, Professional and Social Issues Division—Teacher Inquiry Program/Professional Support Co-Ordinator.
- Assistant Director, Income Security Division—Salary Indemnity Plan Administrator.

For more details on each position and application instructions, please visit the [Employment Opportunities webpage](#). The deadline to apply is **5:00 p.m., Friday, July 2, 2021**.

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## Summer EI Claim Information

Are you wondering about making an EI claim over the summer? The updated Employment Insurance seminar is now available [online](#). The information has been updated to include COVID-19 supports from the federal and provincial governments.

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## Teacher Inquiry Program Applications

The BCTF Teacher Inquiry Program (TIP) grant applications will be available shortly on the new BCTF website. Up to 18 grants are available to groups of teachers wishing to use inquiry to explore relevant topics.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 8, 2021**.

We are also excited to announce a new dedicated Teacher Inquiry project focusing on teacher mental health in schools/worksites and the broader community. While issues related to teacher mental health may well be a part of other Teacher Inquiry Program projects, the aim of this project is to ensure that there is a deliberate focus on the topic of teacher mental health.

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## **EMC Mortgages—extended savings for teachers**

EMC Mortgages has been working with BC teachers for over 27 years, helping teachers into mortgages with great rates and providing financial support to the union and local districts. EMC is pleased to announce that the current interest rate special has been extended until July 31, 2021. In this low interest rate environment, EMC has been helping teachers with early renewals, refinances, and pre-approvals. Because of our volume discounts and unique position in the mortgage industry we can assist BCTF members with lowering payments, debt consolidation, or freeing up some cash. With summer break just around the corner, and historically low interest rates, now is a great time to take advantage, even without full-time contracts. Click [here](#) to talk to an EMC mortgage professional and access our current 1.49% (APR 1.496%) rate special.