



## Position Available – Research Assistant

Based in Smithers, BC, the Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 2002 with a mission to support high-quality, inter-disciplinary research to advance better stewardship of our natural resources in northern British Columbia.

The Centre acts as a research bridging organization connecting natural resource management knowledge with communities, the public, First Nations, industry, government, and academia, in order to facilitate regionally-based research, learning, and adaptation.

The research centre focuses its research on sustainability throughout the northwest and beyond: the sustainability of our ecosystems, our cultures and our communities. Our research initiatives are often multi-year and involve collaboration among a range of groups involved in natural resource management. The Centre also provides a single point of contact for a diversity of perspectives to meet and engage.

The BVRC has an inter-disciplinary emphasis, and research projects draw from and combine expertise in life sciences (biology, silviculture, wildlife ecology, entomology, pathology), earth sciences (hydrology, geology, geography), and social sciences (economics, political sciences, indigenous studies, archaeology, anthropology), and climate change research.

### Position Overview

The Research Assistant will assist the BVRC with a variety of projects in the [whitebark pine research and restoration program](#) and the [forest stand dynamics program](#), as well as assisting in operations of the research centre. The participant will assist different research leads on their projects in order to provide the science required to inform better stewardship of our natural resources. This work will be office, lab, and field-based.

### Primary Tasks

- Field data collection (mostly trees)
- Data entry
- Tree ring analysis
- Preparation and organization for field work
- Whitebark pine restoration support
- Preparing workshop materials and office support

### Qualifications:

Eligible candidates must be experienced in a field relating to the position (e.g. life sciences, earth sciences, or social sciences with an emphasis on interdisciplinary studies). The ideal candidate will be a positive self-starter who works well independently and as part of a team. The ideal candidate will have excellent written and oral communication skills and be comfortable working in the field, lab and an office setting. The candidate will have experience or enthusiasm for outdoor work in difficult, sometimes remote terrain and in all weather conditions; be comfortable entering data and working with lab equipment; and, take initiative to get tasks done!



### Hours & Compensation

This temporary position offers 35 hours per week for 16 weeks starting May 6, 2018, contingent upon funding. Start date is negotiable. The successful candidate may be required to work the occasional evening or weekend for special events, as required. Compensation is \$20/hr.

*\*\*\*Funder Qualifications: All applicants must meet the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) eligibility criteria. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or refugees between the ages of 15-30. Preference may be given to applicants who meet the criteria for underrepresented youth as per the [Canada Summer Jobs Program Applicant Guide](#). Please review the criteria for the CSJ program carefully before applying.*

### How to apply

Please send cover letter and resume with "Research Assistant" in the subject line to the email below by **March 11, 2019**:

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We appreciate all applications, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.