



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 Wildfire Research Program, on a field-based research project to understand how forests and wildlife respond to increasingly severe wildfire events. This work will be primarily fieldwork, with some data entry and preparation and planning work in the office (or at a home office).

Primary Tasks

- Field data collection (mostly plants and trees)
- Data entry
- Preparation and organization for field work

Qualifications:

Eligible candidates must be experienced in a field relating to the position (e.g. life 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 oral communication skills. The candidate will have experience or enthusiasm for outdoor work in difficult, sometimes remote terrain and in all weather conditions, be physically fit, be comfortable entering data and working with lab equipment, and take initiative to get tasks done! Previous experience collecting vegetation data would be an asset.

****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.



Hours & Compensation

This temporary position offers 35 hours per week for 13 weeks starting June 1, 2021. Field shifts will vary in length and timing, so the successful candidate will be required to work over weekends as required. Compensation is \$20/hr.

How to Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume to farnellingrid@gmail.com with "Research Assistant" in the subject line.

Deadline for applications is April 30, 2021:

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

This position is contingent upon funding from the Federal Government through the Canada Summer Jobs program. Currently, provincial and federal guidelines are shifting regarding programs, safe activities and health recommendations due to COVID 19. This position is offered in good faith under today's known guidelines and is subject to change as required to meet additional recommendations.