



Employment Opportunity

Position Title: Intermediate Field Research Technician

Reports To: BVRC Research Officer

Status: Full-time, temporary

Start date: May 19, 2026

Location: Smithers, BC

Hourly Wage: \$28.00 - \$32.00 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay

Application Closing Date: Feb 19, 2026 or until filled

Who We Are:

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre is an independent, not-for-profit research hub located in Smithers, British Columbia, on the traditional territory of the Gitdumden Clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation. Founded in 2002, the Centre's purpose is to support high-quality, inter-disciplinary research to inform and advance policy and practice related to sustainable natural resource management in BC.

Research initiatives involve collaboration amongst a range of stakeholders including industry, government, First Nations, academic institutions and other organizations. The Centre also connects researchers, practitioners and the wider community through seminars, workshops, conferences and other networking events.

The Centre is managed by an Executive Director and administrative staff, with research scientists and technicians running programs and projects, overseen by an active Board of Directors. Visit bvcentre.ca to learn more.

Position Summary:

The BVRC is seeking an Intermediate Field Research Technician to join a field crew to support the data collection of our 2026 field season for the Silviculture Innovation and Fire Stewardship Programs. You will be supported by a field lead and research scientists, and be responsible for working collaboratively to collect high-quality field data, maintain equipment, follow safety procedures, and support project implementation. This position is an ideal role for someone early in their career who enjoys hands-on fieldwork and wants to grow their technical skills in applied research.

Responsibilities:

- Collect high-quality field data (e.g. tree mensuration, vegetation, wildlife habitat, and forest fuel surveys).
- Assist with daily field logistics (navigation, equipment setup, field gear preparation).

- Enter and organize field data using tablets, GPS/GNSS devices, Excel, or other digital tools.
- Help maintain field equipment and ensure accurate measurements.
- Follow all field safety procedures and contribute to a positive, respectful crew dynamic.
- Support basic data QA/QC and occasional office tasks when required.
- Participate respectfully and collaboratively in projects involving Indigenous partners and communities.
- Uphold BVRC's commitment to safe work practices, reconciliation, and respectful engagement.

Candidate Profile:

Diploma, certificate, or coursework in forestry, environmental science, natural resources, biology, geography, or related field, with 1–2 years of relevant field experience (or equivalent combination of training and experience).

Qualifications

Required:

- Meets the [Canada Summer Jobs youth participants criteria](#)
- Basic experience with field data collection (vegetation ID, tree measurements, habitat surveys, forest fuels etc.).
- Ability to hike and work safely in remote locations, rugged terrain, and variable weather conditions.
- Strong teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.
- Valid Class 5 driver's license.

Preferred:

- Familiarity with GPS/GNSS devices or digital data collection apps.
- Basic skills in Excel, ArcGIS/QGIS, or R.
- OFA Level 1, Wilderness First Aid, or other relevant safety certifications.

Working Conditions:

- Fieldwork in variable weather, rugged terrain, and remote locations.
- Overnight and multi-day (up to 10 days) field shifts will be required; accommodations and food per diems are provided.
- Possibility of a camping shift in which tent and sleeping supplies are not provided
- Ability to carry equipment and work safely outdoors for extended periods.
- Potentially assist with office-based data management and analysis work during non-field periods.
- Safety gear and training are provided.

Terms of Employment:

This is a full-time, temporary position starting May 19, 2026 and ending September 15, 2026. The hours of work will vary between 35-40 hours/week, with lower weekly hours when based in the office and higher when in the field. This position is based in Smithers, BC, but the successful candidate should be prepared to travel across the central interior. Applicants must be legally eligible to work in Canada.

Additional Information:

At the BVRC, we value diversity — in backgrounds and in experience. A diverse team enables the Centre to better achieve its objective of supporting research and extension in the public interest. The Centre is an equal opportunity employer and committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace and in science. We strongly encourage members of groups that are underrepresented and/or historically excluded from these sectors to apply.

Apply:

To explore this opportunity further, please email a cover letter and resume to sip.research@bvccentre.ca with the following title formats:

- Resume: "(Last Name) (First Name) – Resume"
- Email subject: "(Your Name) – Application for Intermediate Field Research Technician"