



Employment Opportunity

Position Title: Junior Field Research Technician

Reports To: BVRC Research Officer

Status: Full-time, temporary

Start date: May 19, 2026

Location: Smithers, BC

Hourly Wage: \$22.00 - \$25.00 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 Gidumden 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 a Junior Field Research Technician to join a field crew to support the data collection for our 2026 field season for the Silviculture Innovation and the 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 entry-level field position designed for students interested in ecology, forestry, environmental science, or natural resource management. You will acquire hands-on experience learning how to conduct scientific research methodologies and collect field measures of trees, vegetation, and coarse woody debris. This is an excellent opportunity for someone seeking practical field experience, mentorship, and exposure to applied research.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with field data collection following established protocols (e.g. tree mensuration, vegetation, wildlife habitat, and forest fuel surveys)).
- Help prepare, maintain, and carry field equipment.
- Record field data using digital tools (GPS/GNSS devices, tablets) or datasheets.
- Support navigation, site setup, and daily logistics.
- Contribute to data entry and basic QA/QC.
- Follow safety procedures and maintain a positive team environment.

Candidate Profile:

Currently enrolled in a college or university program in forestry, environmental science, biology, geography, natural resource management, or related discipline or interests.

Qualifications*Required:*

- Meets the [Canada Summer Jobs youth participants criteria](#)
- Interest in applied ecological or forestry fieldwork.
- Ability to hike and work safely in remote locations, rugged terrain, and variable weather conditions.
- Good communication and teamwork skills.
- Willingness to learn and take direction.

Preferred:

- Previous field experience through coursework, volunteering, or summer work.
- Basic plant identification or ecological survey skills.
- Valid Class 5 driver's license.
- 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.
- Some office time for data entry or training.
- Safety gear and training are provided.

Terms of Employment:

This is a full-time, temporary position starting May 19, 2026 and ending September 11, 2026 (or sooner if required to go back to school). 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 Junior Field Research Technician"