



Employment Opportunity

Position Title:	Manager, Research Development and Partnerships
Reports To:	Executive Director
Status:	Full-time, 2-year term with possibility of renewal, hybrid/remote options considered
Location:	Bulkley Valley Research Centre, Smithers, BC
Starting wage:	\$40.87–\$52.88/hr
Closing Date:	April 7, 2026, or until filled

Help Grow Research that Supports Sustainable Natural Resource Management

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC) is seeking a *Manager, Research Development & Partnerships* to help expand our research programs by building partnerships, identifying funding opportunities, and developing collaborative research initiatives.

This role is ideal for an early- to mid-career professional who enjoys connecting people, ideas, and funding opportunities to support meaningful environmental research.

Working closely with BVRC leadership, researchers, community partners, and First Nations, you will help develop new research initiatives that address natural resource challenges across British Columbia.

If you enjoy building relationships and turning ideas into funded projects, this role offers the opportunity to grow your career while contributing to research that has real-world impact.

Who We Are

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC) is an independent nonprofit research organization based in Smithers, BC, on Gitdumden Clan territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation. BVRC supports collaborative, high-quality research that informs natural resource stewardship and decision-making across British Columbia. The Centre brings together researchers, First Nations, governments, industry partners, and communities to develop and share knowledge that supports sustainable decision-making. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more.

The Opportunity

The *Manager, Research Development & Partnerships* plays a key role in expanding BVRC's research portfolio by identifying funding opportunities, supporting proposal development, and building strategic partnerships.

Working closely with the Executive Director and Project Leads, you will help connect research ideas with collaborators and funding opportunities.

This role blends strategy, relationship-building, and hands-on proposal development and offers the opportunity to grow your expertise in research development and partnership leadership.

What You'll Do

- Identify and pursue new funding opportunities aligned with BVRC's research priorities.
- Build and maintain relationships with funders, First Nations, researchers, universities, government agencies, industry partners, and community organizations.
- Lead or support the development of funding proposals and collaborative research initiatives.
- Work with Project Leads to develop ideas into competitive research proposals.
- Represent BVRC at conferences, meetings, and partnership events.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and synergy across BVRC research initiatives.
- Support knowledge mobilization activities that share research findings with partners and communities.

What You Bring

- Graduate degree in environmental science, natural resource management, public policy, or a related field (or equivalent experience).
- Experience with research development, grant writing, partnership development, or collaborative projects.
- Strong relationship-building skills and the ability to work with diverse partners across sectors.
- Interest in environmental research, natural resource stewardship, and collaborative problem-solving.
- Strong communication and proposal writing skills.
- Curiosity, initiative, and the ability to connect ideas, people, and opportunities.
- Experience working with or alongside Indigenous communities and knowledge of Indigenous governance frameworks is an asset.

Why Join BVRC

BVRC offers a different kind of professional opportunity than larger institutions or government roles. As a small and collaborative research organization, team members have the chance to shape new initiatives, build meaningful partnerships, and see the direct impact of their work.

- A chance to grow your career in research development and collaboration
- A supportive and collaborative small-team environment
- Meaningful work contributing to sustainable natural resource management
- Flexibility in work arrangements
- The opportunity to live and work in the beautiful Bulkley Valley region of northern British Columbia

This role is particularly well suited to someone who values purpose-driven work, professional growth, and collaboration.

Position Details

- Full-time (35 hours per week)
- Two-year term with potential for renewal
- Smithers, BC | Hybrid/remote options considered
- Salary: \$40.87–\$52.88 per hour depending on experience

How to Apply

Please submit your resume and cover letter with the subject line:

'Manager, Research Development & Partnerships'

to: info@bvcentre.ca

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. We appreciate all applications; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted

Diversity & Inclusion

At the BVRC, we value diversity — in backgrounds and in experience. A diverse team enables the Centre to better achieve its objective of supporting science in the public interest. BVRC is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace and in science.