

## Assistant Professor

Posting #FAESM02-20

### Forest Biology and Silviculture Ecosystem Science & Management Program College of Science & Management Tenure-track

The University of Northern British Columbia invites applications for a Tenure-track position in the Ecosystem Science & Management Program at the rank of Assistant Professor, with proposed starting date of 1 July 2021. As an institution committed to the fostering of an inclusive and transformative learning environment, UNBC values high quality and growth in both teaching and scholarship.

The [Ecosystem Science & Management \(ESM\) Program](#) oversees several undergraduate degrees, including: BSc Biology; BSc Conservation Science & Practice; BSc Forest Ecology & Management; BA Nature and Resource-based Management; and, BA Environmental & Sustainability Studies. Faculty within the program supervise graduate students (Masters and Doctoral) within the [Natural Resources & Environmental Studies \(NRES\) Graduate Program](#). The program currently resides within the College of Science & Management, but as of 1 April 2021 will be part of the newly-established Faculty of Environment, alongside the Geography & Environmental Sciences Program and The School of Environmental Planning. UNBC is well equipped with modern research facilities and infrastructure including greenhouses and growth chambers, a dendroecology lab, a core analytical chemistry lab, a genetics lab and three field research stations, including two research forests. UNBC is situated among diverse plateau and mountain landscapes and enjoys strong community connections. Varied ecosystems and a resource-based economy provide many easily-accessible research opportunities.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally-funded research program, including the supervision of undergraduate and graduate students, in their area of expertise. Candidates will have the opportunity to collaborate with UNBC faculty with expertise in natural resource management, forest and aquatic ecosystems, plant ecology and physiology, invertebrate and vertebrate ecology and physiology, conservation science, Indigenous land management, soil science and genetics. Additionally, the successful candidate will have opportunities to work with scientists and managers in industry, government, conservation organizations, and northern communities. The successful candidate will teach or co-teach several courses a year, which may include: forest plant systems, forest biology and silvics, silviculture, and other courses in support of the B.Sc. in Forest Ecology and Management, other undergraduate degrees and/or the NRES Graduate Program.

Applicants for this position should hold a PhD and have a growing record of scholarly activity, as well as present evidence of and commitment to teaching excellence. For this position, we seek an individual with a strong record of scholarly productivity in silviculture, applied forest biology or forest ecology. Previous experience in teaching lecture and laboratory courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels is desirable. Students graduating from UNBC's accredited B.Sc. in Forest Ecology and Management have diverse knowledge and experience in ecological, operational and social/cultural dimensions of professional forestry and other management-related careers. As such, candidates with relevant professional designations and/or with significant forestry/natural resource planning and/or management experience would be considered an asset.

## About the University and its Community

Located in the spectacular landscape of northern British Columbia, UNBC is one of Canada's best small research-intensive universities, with a core campus in Prince George and three regional campuses in Northern BC (Quesnel, Fort St. John and Terrace). We have a passion for teaching, discovery, people, the environment, and the North. Our region is comprised of friendly communities, offering a wide range of outdoor activities including exceptional skiing, canoeing and kayaking, fly fishing, hiking, and mountain biking. The lakes, forests and mountains of northern and central British Columbia offer an unparalleled natural environment in which to live and work.

UNBC provides outstanding undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities that explore cultures, health, economies, sciences, and the environment. As one of BC's leading research-intensive universities, we bring the excitement of new knowledge to our students, and the outcomes of our teaching and research to the world. In addition to fostering and celebrating academic excellence, UNBC is a welcoming place, with a learning environment that is friendly, inclusive, and supportive.

Small classes and a connected community exemplify UNBC and mean that our students and professors get to know one another. Outstanding academics, hands-on research, unlimited adventure and a tight-knit campus community result in strong student satisfaction at UNBC.

For the past 10 years, UNBC has placed in the top three in its category in the annual Maclean's University Rankings, the only university of its size to achieve that feat. UNBC also recently placed among the top 4 per cent of higher education institutions worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

For more information about living and working with the University of Northern British Columbia please refer to <http://www.unbc.ca/experience> and [http://www.unbc.ca/provost/new\\_faculty.html](http://www.unbc.ca/provost/new_faculty.html). Make your mark with this leading post-secondary institution.

## To Apply

Applicants should forward their cover letter indicating potential contributions to the Program, curriculum vitae, a brief statement of teaching approaches and research program, and the names and addresses of three references (including telephone and email information) quoting posting #FAESM02-20 to:

Office of the Provost, University of Northern British Columbia  
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Email submissions: [FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca](mailto:FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca)

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*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.*

*We thank all applicants for their interest in UNBC however, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.*

**Applications received on or before March 1, 2021, will receive full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.**