



## **ECOLOGICAL FIELD RESEARCH ASSISTANT WANTED**

(part-time, July-October, 2019)

A research assistant is sought to aid in the sampling and documentation of vegetation patterns found on the Nisga'a Lava Beds and how that vegetation has changed over recent decades.

2019 field work will include the following components: 1) working with ecologists to characterize vegetation and soil development in transects away from roads and undisturbed forest edges; and 2) collecting foliage, wood, and soil samples for laboratory analysis.

Field work (up to approximately 150 hours in total, with two weeks of intensive work in August) will require walking over potentially dangerous terrain in all kinds of weather. The assistant will aid in plot layout, record data, and provide safety in the field.

This work is being funded by BC Parks (British Columbia Ministry of Environment) under their Living Labs program. It has been approved by the Board of WWNI (Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute) and by the Nisga'a Lisims Government.

**Requirements:** High-school graduation, a valid Class-5 driver's license, and an interest in plants, ecology and local history.

**Good-to-Have:** First-Aid and Bear-Aware certification (else will be provided), two-way radio experience, and neat handwriting! Computer experience with applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel, web browsers, and Google Earth. Preference will be given university or college students (particularly UNBC or WWNI), to Nisga'a citizens, and to Nass Valley residents.

**Wage:** \$15/hr straight time, \$22.50/hr overtime (most field days will be 10-hr days), plus 4% vacation pay. Timesheet to be completed daily.

**Schedule:** Irregular (day by day), according to availability of researchers and yourself, with an intensive period of field work scheduled for August 12-23. Work may start in early July or as soon as a suitable candidate is identified.

**For More Information:** e-mail [phil.burton@unbc.ca](mailto:phil.burton@unbc.ca), or phone 250-641-9917

**To Apply:** Please send a current c.v. or resume, along with contact information for two references, and a cover letter describing your suitability for the job, to Dr. Phil Burton, [phil.burton@unbc.ca](mailto:phil.burton@unbc.ca).