

ECOLOGICAL FIELD RESEARCH ASSISTANT WANTED

(part-time, July to August, 2019)

A research assistant is sought to aid in the sampling and documentation of vegetation patterns found on abandoned segments of highway in northwestern B.C., with most work constituting day trips from the city of Terrace. This work supports the research of an M.Sc. student evaluating the effects of climate, time, and human actions on ecosystem recovery.

The assistant will help locate and describe suitable abandoned road segment locations within 250 km of Terrace (from Prince Rupert to Houston, south to Kitimat and north into the Nass Valley), identifying the plants found growing there, estimating their percent cover, and collecting soil samples for future lab analysis.

Field work (up to 120 hours or over 3 weeks) will require walking short distances over uneven 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 Canadian Science Publishing and by UNBC.

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

Good-to-Have: First-Aid and Bear-Aware certification (else will be provided) and neat handwriting! Computer experience with applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel, web browsers, and Google Earth. Preference will be given to university or college students.

Wage: \$15/hr straight time, \$22.50/hr overtime (most field days will be 8 to 10-hr days), plus 4% vacation pay. Timesheet to be completed daily.

Schedule: Irregular, according to availability of the graduate student and yourself. Work may start as soon as July 4th or as soon as a suitable candidate is identified.

For More Information: e-mail phil.burton@unbc.ca and lutzk@unbc.ca, or phone Phil at 250-641-9917.

To Apply: Please send a current c.v. or resume, along with names and contact information for two references, and a cover letter describing your suitability for the job, to Dr. Phil Burton, phil.burton@unbc.ca and Kim Lutz, lutzk@unbc.ca.