

M.Sc. position in agricultural ecosystem insect ecology

University of Northern British Columbia – Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute

We are seeking an excellent M.Sc. student to study forage crop insect pest and predator management biodiversity along the Highway 16 corridor in central British Columbia. This project will be sponsored by the [British Columbia Forage Council](#) and the [Climate and Agriculture Initiative BC](#) and is *pending* a successful [MITACS](#) application. Assuming a successful MITACS application, thesis work must begin on 1 May 2022. There may also be an opportunity for an earlier non-degree research contract (January to April 2022) prior to beginning studies.

MITACS funding will provide a \$20000/year stipend for the M.Sc. student, some research costs (others to be covered by existing operating funds), and research travel costs. The MITACS funding will also provide one undergraduate field and lab research assistant for the 2022 and the 2023 summers. In addition, the M.Sc. student will have the advantage of making connections in BC's agricultural sector via interactions with our funding partners and their networks. The BC Forage Council will also assist the student in finding appropriate field sites for the study.

The student will be co-supervised by [Dr. Dezene Huber](#) ([University of Northern British Columbia](#)) and [Dr. Jasmine Janes](#) ([Vancouver Island University](#)) and will be enrolled in the graduate program in the [Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute](#) at the University of Northern British Columbia in [Prince George](#), British Columbia.

Outstanding applicants with a strong and demonstrable interest in insect ecology should send their CVs and a cover letter to huber@unbc.ca by 8 October 2021. Please feel free to contact Dr. Huber prior to submitting your CV and cover letter to discuss your interests as they relate to the project.

[Graduate applications](#) for May 2022 admission to UNBC are due by 15 December 2021. Acceptance into the program will be contingent upon the MITACS application being successful. *Please do not apply to the UNBC NRESI graduate program until you have spoken with us as only one applicant will be chosen for this graduate opening. This position is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.*