

Ecosystem Science & Management
College of Science and Management

**Assistant Professor – Plant Biology
(Tenure-Track Position)**

The Ecosystem Science and Management Program at the University of Northern British Columbia invites applications for Tenure-Track Faculty position in Plant Biology.

UNBC is located in the heart of northcentral British Columbia, Canada. Surrounded by forest wilderness, the region offers countless opportunities for research and teaching in plant biology. Exceptional plant and ecosystem diversity, unparalleled traditional ecological knowledge and culture, riches in forest resources and northern agriculture, and phenomenal scenic beauty make this an ideal location for plant biologists.

The emphasis for this position is a plant biologist with teaching/research interests in any of the following areas: plant anatomy and evolution, systematic botany, aquatic plants, ethnobotany, plant molecular ecology/genetics and/or plant physiology. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a vigorous, externally funded long-term research program, including potential for supervising students at both undergraduate (BSc) and graduate (MSc and PhD) levels, the latter within the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Graduate Program (www.unbc.ca/nres). Candidates whose work integrates plant biology with forestry applications are strongly encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with existing UNBC Faculty with expertise in ecophysiology, mycology, soil sciences, entomology, forest ecology & management, lichenology and wildlife ecology. There is also opportunity to work with scientists/managers within industry and government, as well as First Nations and conservation groups.

Applicants for this position must hold a PhD, have a strong record of scholarly activity and productivity, and be prepared to teach several undergraduate courses, including introductory plant biology, aquatic plants and/or ethnobotany, as well as potentially develop new courses at the undergraduate/graduate level within their areas of expertise. A record of Teaching Excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels is preferred.

UNBC provides broad support for faculty to develop their research and teaching capabilities; a strong mandate for growth, a modern and comprehensive campus, and a distinctive quality of life in northcentral British Columbia. UNBC is equipped with significant research facilities and infrastructure for the biological sciences. For plant sciences in particular, this includes two research forests; an Enhanced Forestry Lab and research greenhouse; a well-equipped Molecular Sequencing lab; Dendrochronology Lab; and, Northern Analytical Lab, which contains scanning electron microscope, gas chromatography and mass spectrometer. The University has a mandate to serve the northern two-thirds of the province and enjoys strong community connections. Diverse ecosystems and a resource-based economy provide many research opportunities. For more information on the UNBC Ecosystem Science and Management Program and Prince George/northern BC, please visit <http://www.unbc.ca/ecosystem-science-management> and www.unbc.ca/northernbc respectively.

The anticipated start date for the position is **1 July 2018**, or negotiable.

Applicants should forward their cover letter, curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three references (including telephone, fax and email information) quoting competition FATL20-17 to: the Office of the Provost, University of Northern British Columbia, 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9/ Fax: (250) 960-5791. Please direct inquiries to: Dr. Ken Otter, Acting Chair of ESM, at Telephone: 250-960-5019, Email ken.otter@unbc.ca. Electronic submissions of CVs can be forwarded to: FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca

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

Applications received on or before February 15, 2018 will receive full consideration, however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.