Indigenous Undergraduate Summer Research Assistant in the UVic Centre for Forest Biology

Application Deadline April 11th

Self-identified Indigenous students are invited to apply for an exciting opportunity to get research experience on plants in the Centre for Forest Biology. One research position (full time or part-time) is available to an Indigenous student (First Nations, Metis, Inuit, or from outside Canada, e.g. North, Central, and South America, Pacific islands) currently registered at the University of Victoria and studying for a Bachelor of Science. The job will involve either field studies or lab studies (see projects below). Training to achieve Biosafety and WHMIS certification will also be provided. A cover letter highlighting Indigenous ancestry and any previous research experience is requested. No experience in biological lab or fieldwork is required. Please indicate your first and second choice for your summer project.

Projects available for selection (Principal Investigator in brackets):

1. Seed biology and plant reproduction (Patrick von Aderkas)
2. Tree nutrition and drought tolerance (Barbara Hawkins)
3. Generation and analysis of transgenic plants with modified phenolic metabolism (Peter Constabel)
4. Evolution of wood formation in land plants (Jürgen Ehlting)
5. Douglas-fir resilience to expanding fungal diseases (Jürgen Ehlting)

Full-time pay is $9,000 dollars for 16 weeks, beginning early May 2023

Please direct your enquiries or send a resumé and your cover letter to the Acting Director, Patrick von Aderkas at forbdirector@uvic.ca and copy forestbiology@uvic.ca or call 250 721 8925 (office and voicemail). You can also ask questions about the project and how to apply to the principal investigator directly (see Forest Biology website https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/forestbiology/people/members/index.php).