

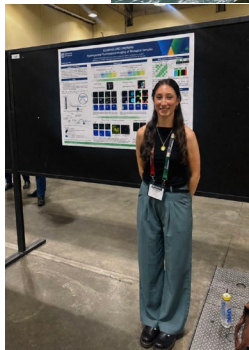
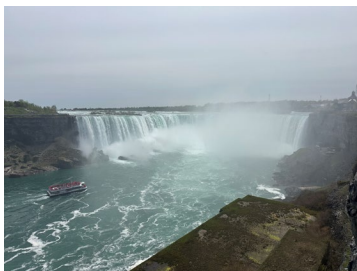


UVic Forest Biology Update

Summer 2026

109th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for Chemistry

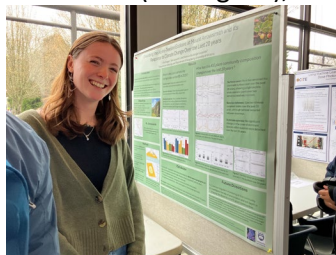
From May 24–28, Mackenzie attended the 109th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC), which was co-hosted for the first time by the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CSChE). Held in Toronto, the conference brought together more than 2,400 delegates from academia & industry across a wide range of disciplines, including chemistry, physics, engineering, biochemistry, microbiology, biology, & as represented by Mackenzie, forest biology. She presented updates on her research on Fluorescence Excitation–Emission Matrix Spectral Imaging (FLEEMSI) microscopy & recent advances in its applications in biological systems. The event provided valuable opportunities to connect with researchers working in related fields, to explore new interdisciplinary collaborations, & an excuse to visit some Eastern Canada attractions.



Submitted by MSc Student Mackenzie McNiven

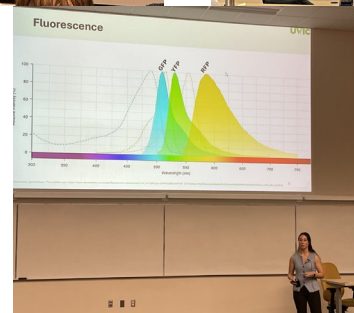
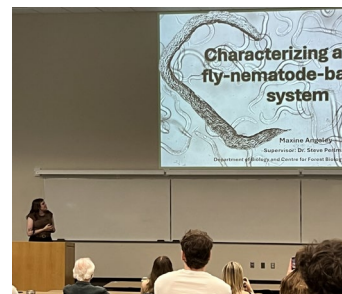
Spring 2026 Honours Thesis Defenses

Congratulations to all Undergrads that successfully defended their Honours Thesis this past term, especially those working in our FORB labs: Erin Grogan (Lacourse/Boulanger-Lapointe labs), Callah McCarroll (Ehltling lab), and Steph Wardell (Hawkins lab)!



Congratulations to David Furlonger, Maxine Angeley, and Mackenzie McNiven

On April 23 and 24, 2026 the UVic Biology Department hosted their annual Biology Graduate Symposium. All of the talks were fantastic but a special congratulations goes out to (below, left to right) David Furlonger (Perlman lab), for winning 1st place in the 12-minute MSc talk category, as well as to Maxine Angeley (Perlman lab) and Mackenzie McNiven (Ehltling/Looock labs) for placing 2nd in the 12-minute MSc talk category! Well done FORB!



New FORB Members



Frankie Stratford
Dr. Hawkins
MSc



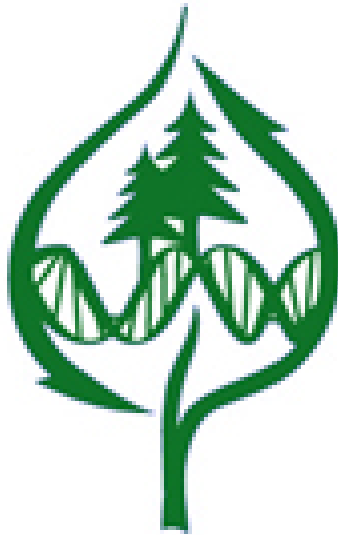
Paige Jorgenson
Dr. Perlman
Research Assistant



Sarah Nielsen
Drs. Hawkins/Lacourse/
de la Bastide
Research Assistant



Saina Danesh
Drs. Ehltling/Giebelhaus
Research Assistant



Natalie Waite
Drs. Hawkins/ Shackleford
Research Assistant

Recent Publications

Gajewski, K., Tamo, C., and Lacourse, T. 2026. **Transport of pollen from forests to the North American Arctic during the Holocene.** *Quaternary Science Reviews*, 381. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2026.109927>

NSERC USRA Winners!

Congratulations to Randi Church (Ehltling Lab), Lawsen Augustowich (Perlman Lab) and Gemma Tomberli (Perlman Lab) on their successful USRA Applications! FORB is so happy for you!

June 2026 Convocation!

Congrats to the June 2026 graduating students. Pictured below are a small selection of our FORB graduates.



Dr. Juergen Ehling & Randi Church



Anastasia Kim



Natalie Waite



Steph Wardell



Emma Scotland

FORB Hoodies!

FORB Hoodies are still for sale at \$50 each. Pop by the FORB Office (CUN 153) with cash and pick one up! Office hours are Wed or Thurs 9:30am – 2:00pm



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Science Rendezvous – May 9, 2026

Thank you to our fabulous FORB volunteers for their amazing assistance during UVic's Science Rendezvous event on May 9, 2026. It was great to see so many people learning and exploring science in the Growth Facility and around campus!

