

MSc positions in Conservation Science at University of Northern British Columbia

The Integrated Forest Decisions Lab at the University of Northern British Columbia is now seeking two MSc students to undertake theses in the areas of:

- 1) Conservation planning. Research in this theme seeks to test existing approaches and develop novel methods for systematic conservation planning in temperate and northern ecosystems.
- 2) Cumulative impacts. Research in this theme seeks to elucidate the ecological responses of species and ecosystems to cumulative environmental impacts.

These are general themes, and students will have the latitude to refine their projects based on their interests.

Ideal students will have a strong quantitative background, a passion for biodiversity conservation and ecological sustainability, and a desire to work as part of a team in a collaborative setting. In addition to a background in the ecological sciences, valuable skills for this work are: programming, statistics and R, working with big data, high level GIS experience. Students will receive a living and tuition stipend and access to departmental scholarships.

Expressions of interest should be made by September 30th for a January 2018 start and by October 30th for a May or September 2018 start.

Contact Oscar Venter at oscar.venter@unbc.ca to discuss further.