



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Seeking applications for the BRAES Post-doctoral Fellowship in Landscape Ecology**  
Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services [BRAES],  
University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC

The [Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services](#) at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow in applied connectivity conservation research and planning. This is a full time 12-month position. The position can start as early as June 2020 (preferred), but no later than September 2020. The successful candidate would preferably reside in Kelowna, BC, or secondarily Ottawa, ON, but due to the ongoing uncertainty associated with Covid-19, we will consider a temporary remote employment arrangement within Canada.

The candidate will work under the joint mentorship of Drs. [Jason Pither](#), [Adam Ford](#), and [Lael Parrott](#) at UBC, and in close collaboration with scientists from Environment & Climate Change Canada. The fellow will be encouraged to take a leadership role in facilitating interactions among BRAES research labs and community partners. This position is an excellent opportunity to work with government and other stakeholders to support evidence-based connectivity conservation planning, thereby contributing to Canada meeting its Biodiversity Goals and Targets.

One expected output from these efforts is a co-authored perspectives or synthesis paper, addressing scientific and methodological challenges in connectivity conservation research and planning. Using the team's contributions to a symposium of the International Association of Landscape Ecology (IALE 2020, Toronto) as a starting point, the post-doctoral fellow will work with symposium contributors to gather their diverse perspectives, synthesize relevant literature, organize workshops, and liaise with additional stakeholders.

The successful candidate will hold a PhD in Ecology or relevant discipline and have excellent oral and written communication skills. The candidate should possess relevant experience and domain knowledge in conservation and connectivity research or planning, be able to engage diverse collaborators, and think critically about relevant methods.

UBC is one of the world's leading universities. The university has two distinct campuses, one in Vancouver and one in Kelowna. UBC's Okanagan campus, located in the city of Kelowna, has over 9,500 students in seven faculties with strong graduate programs, and offers excellent opportunities for fostering regional, national, and international collaborations. The campus is situated in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, a region of critical importance to Canada meeting its biodiversity targets.

The Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services (BRAES) is a group of over 30 faculty members and their graduate students working in ecology, biodiversity and conservation, and environmental sustainability on UBC's Okanagan

Campus. BRAES' special strength is its multidisciplinary focus, with members from departments of biology, mathematics and statistics, literary and cultural studies, earth and environmental sciences, physical geography, economics and creative arts. BRAES has a strong record of applied research in conservation ecology. To learn more about BRAES, visit: [braes.ok.ubc.ca](http://braes.ok.ubc.ca)

UBC offers an excellent research environment and support for postdoctoral fellows. For more information about UBC resources and opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows, please visit <https://www.postdocs.ubc.ca/> Information about the surrounding community, can be found at: <http://www.hr.ubc.ca/worklife-relocation/>.

**Remuneration:**

A salary of \$48,000 per year including benefits, plus a stipend of \$3,000 to cover direct research expenses.

**How to Apply:**

To apply for this position, please send application materials to the BRAES Institute coordinator, Carolina Restrepo ([carolina.restrepo@ubc.ca](mailto:carolina.restrepo@ubc.ca)) with the subject line "Postdoctoral Position in Landscape Ecology." All application materials should be submitted by Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Applicants are asked to submit:

- (i) a cover letter outlining qualifications for the position;
- (ii) a curriculum vitae that includes publication record;
- (iii) and the names and contact information of three referees.

Inquiries may be directed to Jason Pither ([jason.pither@ubc.ca](mailto:jason.pither@ubc.ca)).

*Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.*