

Employment or Career Opportunities

Forest Technician (Full Time and Summer Positions)



Company Background:

B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd. is a North Vancouver based forestry consulting firm providing full service integrated forestry and environmental consulting services since 1988. We specialize in forest management, forest ecology, environmental management and urban forestry to assist a wide variety of government, First Nations, private sector and not-for-profit clients. For more information on the diverse services we provide and our dynamic team of associates and staff please visit <https://www.bablackwell.com/>.

Position Summary:

B.A. Blackwell & Associates has multiple openings for full-time forest technician and summer student positions. Start date is early May and is negotiable (earlier start possible for f/t positions). The positions will provide exposure to a range of forest management aspects with a focus on silviculture, forest development/engineering and wildfire management project work. Work duties will vary seasonally with potential to expand into other related service areas (forest health, urban forestry, operational silviculture, and others). On-the-job training will be provided as required. The position will include both field and office-based duties (commensurate with experience). Duties may include the following:

- Ecological data collection, site identification, fuel type assessment
- Forest health assessment
- Stream/riparian assessments
- GPS traversing
- Silviculture surveys using SNAP and Avenza Maps
- Surveys data compilation and reporting
- Block and road layout
- Timber cruising
- Site plan development
- Timber permitting and appraisals
- FireSmart and wildfire threat assessments
- Technical reporting and prescription development
- Treatment implementation and supervision
- Project planning and management

Work is based out of North Vancouver but will involve considerable travel throughout BC including remote locations. Field work will include week-long or 10-day shifts during the field season (no remote camp work). The field work is physically demanding with exposure to all types of weather conditions, year-round, and requires a flexible schedule.

Required Qualifications:

- Completion of or actively pursuing a degree or diploma in forestry/natural resources;
- Possess a valid class 5 BC Driver's License;
- Strong interpersonal communication skills and technical report writing and editing skills;
- A strong work ethic, schedule flexibility, team player, and a desire to develop and learn;
- Legal status to work in Canada and fluent in English.
- Forestry field experience.

Preferred Qualifications/Assets:

- Preference will be given to candidates with experience in any or all of the following: silviculture surveys, cutblock design and road layout, timber cruising, fuels management/wildfire management planning, fire suppression, forest health assessment, and GIS;
- Knowledge of wildfire prevention and mitigation practices;
- Knowledge of forest engineering, timber development and harvest planning;
- Experience with ArcMap, SNAP, Avenza Maps, Trimble GPS, RoadEng, and Microsoft Office and familiarity working with the iOS platform for iPads;
- Experience working around trucks, ATVs and snowmobiles, including driving manual transmission vehicles and forestry resource roads; and
- Registered, eligible or a desire for registration with the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

Applicants with some but not all of the preferred qualifications may be considered.

We offer competitive salaries commensurate with candidate abilities, and will provide training and mentoring in a safe, respectful and fun work environment.

Applications:

If you are interested in joining an exciting forestry consulting company please send a resume and cover letter in a single PDF file to: inquiries@bablackwell.com, attention Human Resources, with your name and job title in the subject (specify summer or f/t). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Resumes will be reviewed as they are received with the intent to fill the positions this spring.

While we sincerely appreciate all application submissions, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.