The Biodiversity Research Centre (BRC) at the University of British Columbia is pleased to host BRITE, a training program aimed at widening opportunities and skill sets among our students and post-doctoral fellows\(^1\). For more information see:

[http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html](http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html)

**Internship Program:** A key element of the BRITE initiative is a paid internship program for MSc and PhD students. If you are interested in spending part of your degree in a non-University setting to improve or expand your training, consider applying for an internship. This program aims:

- to allow students to spend time in a non-governmental organization, government agency, or industry to improve the breadth of training and networks;
- to facilitate the application of academic biodiversity research;
- to augment student research;
- to provide supplementary funding to graduate students; and
- to advance the missions of partner organizations and institutions.

Internships are expected to last from six weeks to three months of full-time equivalent work. Requests for interns are circulated in the spring, but applications may be submitted at any time. See: [http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/BRITE_internship.html](http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/BRITE_internship.html)

**Workshops:** Workshops are an effective means of training in areas requiring new skills and concentrated attention. BRITE funds workshops on a variety of topics, including workshops focused on particular research areas, on particular research techniques, and/or on professional development. Students, post-docs, and/or faculty can propose and organize workshops on topics of interest to BRITE trainees. Applications are considered at any time of year. See: [http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html#grad](http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html#grad)

**Post-doctoral Fellows:** The BRC provides financial support for post-doctoral fellows conducting original research on core problems in biodiversity. Post-docs typically interact with several lab groups, foster interactions within the Centre, and spearhead research collaborations. See: [http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/research/ppostdoc.html](http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/research/ppostdoc.html)

\(^1\) If you are a graduate student of a BRC faculty, then you are considered a BRITE affiliate (regardless of funding source) and are eligible for the above opportunities supported by BRITE. To find out if your supervisor is a BRC faculty member, see the listing at [http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/research/pfaculty.html](http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/research/pfaculty.html)