



The Biodiversity Research Centre (BRC) is pleased to host an NSERC-CREATE Training Program in Biodiversity Research at the University of British Columbia.¹ Funding is available to train biodiversity scientists at all levels – undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral – regardless of country of origin.

- <http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html>

If you are a student or post-doctoral fellow of a BRC faculty, then you are considered a BRITE affiliate (regardless of funding source) and are eligible for the following 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>

UNDERGRADUATES:

If you are an undergraduate interested in full-time research during the summer, consider applying for a BRITE award.

Both foreign and Canadian students are considered; students must be registered in a bachelor's degree program at UBC or other institution at the time of their application, and must be legally able to work in Canada.

To apply, contact a BRC faculty member to determine whether he/she is able to sponsor you and ask them to nominate you for a BRITE undergraduate award. Application deadline is in February each year.

- See <http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html#undergrad> for more details

GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Graduate fellowships: BRITE provides partial stipend support to a few entering graduate students each year. BRC faculty are asked to nominate entering students for these awards, so no additional work is needed on the part of the student.

¹ see http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/CREATE-FONCER_eng.asp

Internship Program: A key element of the BRITE initiative is an Internship program for master's and doctoral 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 for more details

International Travel Awards: Awards are available to BRITE-affiliated graduate students to increase networking of our students at an international level. These awards are granted on a competitive basis to fund travel and housing expenses for graduate students wishing to work for short periods of time in other labs or to attend a workshop or conference (if presenting) outside of Canada. Awards are generally in the \$500 - \$2000 range. Application deadlines are April 15 and October 15 each year.

- See: <http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html#grad> for application information

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. Amounts awarded vary from \$500 - \$20,000. Application deadlines are April 1 and October 1 each year, although applications at other times are considered.

- See: <http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/BRITE/index.html#grad> for application information

POST DOCTORAL FELLOWS

The BRITE training program also funds post-doctoral fellows in Biodiversity Research. BRITE post-docs perform independent research in any area of biodiversity research, are often affiliated with more than one research lab, and are an integral part of training and research at the BRC. Application deadline is in January each year. For more information, please see:

- <http://www.biodiversity.ubc.ca/research/ppostdoc.html>