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Sponsored Events

As part of its mandate to foster communication among researchers and graduate students from different disciplines, the NRES Institute sponsors:

- the Institute Colloquium Series;
- an Annual Lecture Series;
- an Occasional Paper Series;
- the Weekly NRES Newsletter;
- Research Extension Notes.



Support for the NRES Graduate Program

NRES INSTITUTE members mentor graduate students through the NRES Graduate Program (PhD, MSc, MA, MNRES). The Institute sponsors an annual NRES Graduate Student Poster Session and Icebreaker each fall; and a Research Forum preceding the Annual Lecture each spring. Graduate students also nominate at least one speaker per year for the NRES Colloquium. The Institute also advertises funded graduate research opportunities within the NRES graduate programs.

Information for Donors

The NRES Institute maintains two endowment funds that help support our activities throughout the year. One of these endowments was established by the former Northwood Pulp and Timber Limited now Canfor and supports our Annual Lecture Series. The Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute Endowment supports research initiatives and activities in the form of seed grants, bridge funding, and travel support for members of the Institute and related activities of NRES Graduate Students. To contribute to either endowment fund please contact the Office of External Relations – Development at development@unbc.ca or (250) 960-5750.

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Prospective graduate students interested in the NRES Graduate programs (Phd, MSc, MA, MNRES) should see details of the graduate program on our website (www.unbc.ca/nres) or contact the NRES Graduate Committee via email at:

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Our Vision

We envision the NRES Institute continuing to become a recognized leader in environmentally focused research and as an identifiable unit to which communities, industry, and government can turn to for help with research questions and assessments of research needs.



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Our Purpose

The purpose of the NRES Institute is to facilitate innovative and interdisciplinary research on issues relating to natural resources and the environment. Given that natural resources are the foundations of the economy of many communities in northern BC and other northern regions, and that the environment is increasingly being subjected to anthropogenic changes, it is important to direct efforts towards understanding these complex interrelationships to ensure the sustainability of resources. Therefore, our primary goal is to integrate across perspectives to better understand the functions, viability, and values of natural resource systems. Helping northern communities affect their futures and challenging researchers to contribute to innovation through research are the consequences of this goal.

What We Do

The mission of the Institute is to foster communication and interactions among faculty, NRES graduate students, and associated researchers such as those working with the two UNBC research forests, the Quesnel River Research Centre, and the Canadian Forest Service employees on the UNBC campus. It also envisions greater interactions with local communities, management agencies and research professionals from both industry and government.

By enabling communication among researchers and potential external partners, the NRES Institute provides a conduit for basic and applied research opportunities from outside of the University, as well as a means to synthesize research findings for dissemination beyond academia. As well, we create an important bridge to the NRES Graduate Programs by providing graduate students with opportunities to interact with researchers and to showcase their own research activities. Synthesis and extension is encouraged through the peer-reviewed NRES Institute Extension Note and NRES Institute Occasional Paper Series.

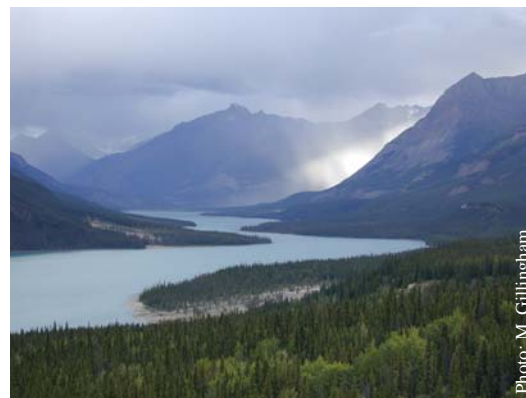
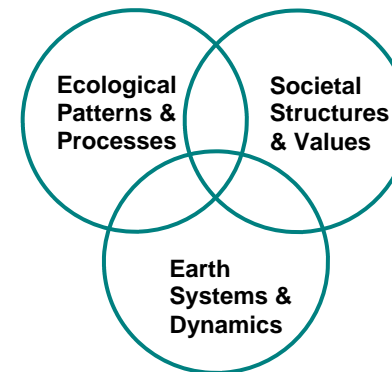


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Our Research

The NRES Institute advocates both fundamental and applied research approaches to resource use that conserve ecosystem health, and sustain resource-dependent communities. These approaches necessitate the integration of disciplinary expertise towards a broader understanding of complex issues, and to solve resource-related problems. The integration of natural and social sciences with respect to societal values is key to a strong foundation for relevant education, research, and management. NRESI Institute research endeavors can be broadly grouped into one or more of the following categories:



The NRES Institute links a community of researchers with varied backgrounds and research interests empowering them to pursue their disciplinary research in an interdisciplinary context. Many of the research initiatives undertaken by Institute members are collaborative efforts with other Institute members. Locations of many of the current research projects can be viewed using Google earth at

www.unbc.ca/assets/nres/projects.kmz

Publications

The NRES Institute publishes both an Occasional Paper Series and a Research Extension Note Series.

NRESI Occasional Papers are peer-reviewed publications of papers and symposia sponsored or produced by members of the Institute; they are an outlet for position, idea, concept and opinion oriented papers. In addition, each spring the NRES Institute (with the support of Canfor) hosts an Annual Lecture Series and the written version of the presentations are published as part of this Occasional Paper Series.

NRESI Research Extension Notes are peer-reviewed publications of the research findings of NRES Institute members and of graduate students in the NRES Graduate Program. This series is intended to provide an outlet through which Institute members can make their research findings available to a non-technical audience.

Membership

Membership in the NRES Institute is open to both UNBC-based researchers and to Adjunct Professors, post-doctoral fellows, visiting researchers, and other researchers whose primary affiliation is with another university, government agency, industry, or other body. For more information on membership, please see www.unbc.ca/nres. Our website also contains a complete list of members and their research interests.