

## Eyes High Postdoctoral Scholar Opportunity: Conservation Biologist PDS-in-Residence

As part of the Eyes High Postdoctoral Scholars program<sup>1</sup> at the University of Calgary, I am recruiting a Postdoctoral Scholar with a focus on conservation biology (especially translocations) and outreach. The candidate will be a Postdoctoral “Scholar in Residence”, spending a significant amount of time (especially spring through fall) at the Barrier Lake Field Station<sup>2</sup>, which is a leading field research station situated in spectacular Kananaskis Country, while still close to Calgary, Canmore, and Banff.

Ideally, I am seeking an individual with interests in [1] systematic literature reviews, [2] (spatial) modelling, and [3] field work on semi-aquatic/aquatic species of conservation concern in foothill and montane habitats. Please note that expertise/experience in all three areas is not an absolute requirement, with a personal ranking of [3] > [1] > [2] re: importance. With regard to potential species, bull trout is a prime candidate, although I am open to other options (e.g., long-toed salamanders).

This position is intended to expand the research capacity/activity and community connections of the field stations. For the former, the ideal candidate will catalyze impromptu research collaborations with visiting researchers, oversee journal clubs or research seminars, etc. For the latter, they will promote outreach in various ways, with possibilities including organizing the annual Open House, overseeing citizen science projects, interacting with visiting school groups, and building connections with neighbouring Stoney Nakoda First Nations<sup>3</sup> or the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative<sup>4</sup>.

**Qualifications:** The successful candidate will have a PhD in ecology, evolution, conservation biology or some combination of the three (e.g., evolutionary ecology). Because this position is offered through the Eyes High Postdoctoral Scholars program, the successful candidate must represent a new recruitment to the University of Calgary, and have a track record that would be competitive for national or international fellowships. The candidate will ideally be available for a September 2019 start.

I am committed to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM<sup>5</sup>, and cognizant of the literature documenting systemic hurdles and biases facing those from traditionally underrepresented groups. I especially encourage members of traditionally underrepresented groups to apply, and applications will be reviewed using a conscious inclusion perspective.

**Remuneration:** \$55,000/year for two years, covered by the Eyes High program, with additional health benefits, employer contributions, relocation, and research-related expenses from my research funds.

**How to Apply:** Please send your CV and a statement of research and outreach background and interests (with contact information for two referees), by email to Dr. Steven Vamosi ([smvamosi@ucalgary.ca](mailto:smvamosi@ucalgary.ca)), by **April 30, 2019**. Please note that the final application, a slightly expanded version of what I’m currently requiring (including two formal letters of reference), will be due to the University of Calgary by May 31, 2019 – I will work with the shortlisted candidate on that.

### Links:

- 1: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/eyes-high-postdoc>
- 2: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/research-units/research-stations/biogeoscience-institute>
- 3: <http://www.stoneynation.com/>
- 4: <https://y2y.net/>
- 5: <https://science.ucalgary.ca/connections/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>