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Imagine your future in forestry!

UBC Forestry has created two new videos and website promoting forestry to Aboriginal youth.

Find out what our alumni are up to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNWc4FNNdS8&noredirect=1>

Find out about our student's experiences at the Faculty of Forestry:

<http://aboriginal.forestry.ubc.ca/prospective-students/>

Check out our new UBC Forestry Aboriginal Initiatives website:

<http://aboriginal.forestry.ubc.ca/>

We encourage you to share this information through as much social media as possible i.e Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn. Please distribute widely.

Why Forestry? Aboriginal students whose interests include a love of the outdoors, a desire to effect positive change and the opportunity for well-paid employment in rural communities should seriously consider enrolling in the Faculty of Forestry, UBC. Many of the Faculty's Aboriginal alumni have become forest and fisheries professionals and managers, leaders in their respective communities, liaisons with government and industry and / or run businesses.

Due to retirement and expansion, it is predicted the forest sector in Canada will need to fill as many as 130,000 jobs by 2020. In BC, over the next decade there will be up to 16,000 jobs opening (60% interior and 40% coastal).

Building a supportive environment for Aboriginal students. The Faculty of Forestry is working hard to improve social support systems for Aboriginal students. We have dedicated staff to ensure a supportive environment to guide students through the many available resources on campus that honour Aboriginal peoples. Many services and opportunities for social gatherings, mentoring and academic support take place at the Faculty of Forestry.

Ask about our new Community and Aboriginal Forestry specialization. Graduates are eligible to become certified as a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) under the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

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