



Inviting All Students

The BC TRCR invites students to the annual BC Mine Reclamation Symposium being held virtually in September 2020.

Who is the BC TRCR?

The BC Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (BC TRCR) originated in the early 1970s in response to a demonstrated need in British Columbia for greater government-industry communications in the area of environmental protection and reclamation associated with mining. Since 1977, the BC TRCR has annually sponsored the British Columbia Mine Reclamation Symposium to foster the exchange of information and ideas on reclamation.

How can students get involved?

There are many opportunities: students can apply to be volunteers and assist at the conference, submit a paper and give a presentation (or poster), apply for the Jake McDonald Memorial Scholarship, and are welcome to just come and attend the Symposium.

Cost for students

There is a special student rate of \$25 available for a limited number of spots. Please see the website (www.trcr.bc.ca) for registration details. These spots are available on a first come basis.

Is there additional funding available?

Yes! The BC TRCR supports BC post-secondary student participation at the BC Mine Reclamation Symposium through scholarship opportunities and volunteer positions. Please see sections below for further details.

Student Poster Session

New this year the BC TRCR will be hosting a virtual poster session for undergraduate and graduate students that are conducting research related to the field of reclamation. The virtual poster session will be both synchronous and asynchronous. Each student will submit a pdf of their poster and a video presentation (5 min max) on their poster. These will be uploaded to the conference website in advance of the symposium so that all attendees can view them. We will host a live Q and A session on the posters on the day of the symposium.

Students are required to submit an abstract on their topic to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, by August 28, 2020. The first few selected abstracts will receive registration to the symposium. Posters and videos will be due September 11, 2020. For more information please see the document titled "Virtual Poster Session for Undergraduate and Graduate Students" posted on the BC TRCR webpage (www.trcr.bc.ca) or contact Wendy Gardner for more details.

A committee of representatives from British Columbia's mining industry, government and universities,
resolving environmental concerns since 1975.

Jake McDonald Scholarship for Mine Reclamation

In honour of Jake McDonald, former Senior Reclamation Inspector in the BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, who was largely responsible for the formation of the BC TRCR, the BC TRCR offers a total of \$2,000 in scholarships to students registered at a university (undergraduate or graduate) or college in British Columbia.

Criteria: The applying student must be involved in mine reclamation, pollution prevention, environmentally sound mine planning, or any aspect of mine land rehabilitation. The student must have a high academic standing and a genuine interest in the mining industry in the province and in maintenance of the environment of BC. The student must be enrolled in a post-secondary institute in British Columbia. There is a total of \$2,000 available and in the case of several qualified applicants the awarded will be split. Applications are evaluated based academic standing, the quality of the letter submitted, relevant experience in the field of reclamation and how future career goals relate to reclamation.

To apply please send the following by email to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, at wgardner@tru.ca by August 28, 2020:

- A letter to the scholarship committee of 1-2 pages maximum outlining your interest in reclamation, past experience in this field (classes, work experience, projects) and career goals as they relate to reclamation
- A copy of your most recent transcript (official transcripts not required but students submitting unofficial transcripts will be required to submit an email indicating that the current transcript is correct and has not been altered)
- A name and contact for a reference that will support your application

Recipients of the award will be notified of the award at the BC Mine Reclamation Symposium on September 23, 2020. Those not in attendance will be contacted via email.

Support for Students at the BC Mine Reclamation Symposium

Students volunteering to help at the symposium will have their registration fees covered. In return, students will help co-chair at the virtual symposium. Student volunteers are selected on a first come basis and must be enrolled in a post-secondary institute in British Columbia or if attending a post-secondary institute outside of British Columbia, their research must be focused in British Columbia.

To apply please send the following by email to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, at wgardner@tru.ca by August 28, 2020:

- An email to the Scholarship Committee Chair outlining your interest in reclamation and why you would like to volunteer at the symposium
- A commitment to being able to attend the virtual conference that will be held on September 23, 2020

Deadlines

Application for a scholarship, to volunteer, or to present a poster must be received by August 28, 2020 and should be sent to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Committee – at wgardner@tru.ca.

Visit the website for more details – www.trcr.bc.ca