

Student Information

The TRCR supports BC post-secondary student participation at the Mine Reclamation Symposium through scholarship opportunities, and volunteer positions. Students can apply to be volunteers to assist at the conference, submit a paper or poster, and/or apply for the Jake McDonald Memorial Scholarship. Each year there is also a reduced rate available for students; this rate is generally available to the first ten students who register.

The Jake McDonald Scholarship for Mine Reclamation

In honour of Jake McDonald, former Senior Reclamation Inspector in the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation offers a total of \$2,000 in scholarships to students registered at a university (undergraduate or graduate) or college in the province of British Columbia. Jake McDonald was largely responsible for the formation of the Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation. This committee significantly improved government - industry - academic communications in the areas of environmental protection and reclamation in mining.

To apply for the Jake McDonald Scholarship the 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 British Columbia. The student must be enrolled in a post-secondary institute in British Columbia. Students may be nominated by individuals, or candidates may apply directly.

In the scholarship application, students must include a one-to-two-page letter to the scholarship committee outlining their interest in reclamation, past experience in this field (classes, work experience, projects) and career goals, and a copy of a recent transcript. Applications for the scholarship must be received by August 1, 2023 and should be sent to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Sub-Committee – at wgardner@tru.ca.

Student Volunteer Opportunities at the BC Mine Reclamation Symposium

Students volunteering to help at the Symposium will have their registration and tour fees covered, rooms supplied (based on shared accommodation), and attendance to the banquet. In return, students will help during the Symposium dates, during pre-selected sessions. Student volunteers 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. Student volunteers must commit to attending for the full symposium dates (tour and both days of technical sessions). Preference will be given to students presenting posters.

To apply to be a student volunteer, students need to submit a letter outlining their current program of study, their interest in reclamation, and how attending the Symposium will benefit them. A letter of support from a faculty member in their program of study also needs to be included. Applications must be received by June 1, 2023 and should be sent to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Sub-Committee – at wgardner@tru.ca.

Student Poster Session

Students are invited to submit poster to be displayed during a poster session at the conference. Students are expected to bring their poster and be present during the poster session. Posters can be landscape or portrait but must meet the following dimensions: 91.44 cm (36 inches) and 106.68 cm (42 inches). To participate in the poster session student must submit an abstract by June 1, 2023 to Wendy Gardner, Chair of the Scholarship Sub-Committee – at wgardner@tru.ca