



# COLLEGE OF **APPLIED BIOLOGY**

Professional Accountability

Embark on **your career**  
in applied biology.



**Join more than 2,000  
applied biologists  
and technologists.**

**A** PPLIED BIOLOGY professionals specialize in the study and management of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Registered Professional Biologists (RPBios) are involved in many areas of practice ranging from environmental assessments, aquaculture, wildlife and fisheries management, riparian area assessments, contaminated site assessments, and supporting conservation, management, and planning in both urban and rural environments.

Registered Biology Technologists (RBTechs) are involved in all aspects of data collection and the preparation of summary reports on biotic and abiotic data, such as wildlife and fisheries abundance, vegetation composition, stream and lake assessments.

Through legislation called the *College of Applied Biology Act*, the College of Applied Biology is entrusted with **establishing standards for entry into the profession of applied biology.**

## Three Reasons to Join the College

### **Establish or advance your career.**

Employers are increasingly recognizing the value of hiring and contracting College members as a result of the high professional, ethical, and practice-related standards to which they are held. College membership is often a requirement for contracts or employment positions, and even when it is not a requirement, it is an asset that provides a competitive advantage.

**Enhance your credibility.** As a College member, you will signify your professional designation with a title (such as RPBio or RBTech), demonstrating your commitment to the profession and to scientific credibility. Membership signifies your commitment to elevating the practice of applied biology.

### **Stay informed about job and training opportunities.**

Through the website, the quarterly *College Matters* publication, and regular email notifications, you will be informed about job vacancies, training, and professional development activities to advance your career. You will also receive practice-related advice to ensure you maintain a high degree of competency.

# How Can **You** Become an Applied Biology Professional?

There are **five categories of College membership**, which reflect the different career stages and responsibilities of those who choose to work in applied biology.

**1 • Registered Professional Biologists (RPBios)** have completed a Bachelor's degree from a biology-related program that meets the College's specific course requirements, have at least three years of work experience in applied biology, and have supplied a professional report that meets the College's established criteria.

**2 • Registered Biology Technologists (RBTEchs)** typically have a two-year diploma or a minimum of 20 courses that meet the College's requirements, in addition to two years of work experience in applied biology, and a completed data report that meets the College's established criteria. *There are also avenues for becoming registered as an RBTEch without formal academic training if you have extensive, relevant work experience.*

**3 • Biologists in Training (BITs)** have met the academic standards for College entry leading to RPBio status, and are in the process of meeting the work and/or report requirements for full professional status as an RPBio.

**4 • Trainees (Trainee RBTEchs)** have met the academic standards for College entry leading to RBTEch status, and are in the process of meeting the work and/or report requirements for full professional status as an RBTEch.

**5 • Student (St)** members are currently enrolled in a minimum of three courses per semester in a biology-related program that meets the academic requirements of the College.

***Visit our website to see a list of our educational partners and to find out how your program of study can meet our requirements.***





**Learn more** about membership categories, how membership can help **establish or advance your career**, and **apply online**.

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