



## College of Applied Biology Finalizes New Agreement with the University of Victoria

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Victoria, BC—The College of Applied Biology (the College) has just finalized a new accreditation agreement with the University of Victoria. This new agreement gives students taking the Biology Major the knowledge that their graduating credentials will meet entrance standards for the College. This is good timing as students are getting ready to head back to class in September.

“At the College, we work closely with post-secondary institutions to ensure that those students who wish to pursue a career as a professional biologist have the information necessary to smoothly transition into their professional careers. The addition of the Biology Major from the University of Victoria to our list of accredited programs ([www.cab-bc.org/accredited-post-secondary-programs](http://www.cab-bc.org/accredited-post-secondary-programs)) is very exciting,” says Linda Stordeur, Registrar with the College of Applied Biology.

The College ([www.cab-bc.org](http://www.cab-bc.org)) was established in 2003 through the *College of Applied Biology Act*. Today, the College regulates over 2,300 applied biology professionals and protects the public interest by ensuring high standards of entrance and ongoing competency requirements and accountability of its members. Applied biology professionals provide science-based advice and expertise in resource management decisions, policies, and assessments.

“I am pleased that UVIC Biology Majors and Honours programs are now accredited post-secondary programs with the B.C. College of Applied Biology” says Dr. Barbara Hawkins, Chair of the Biology Department, University of Victoria. “This will facilitate the career progress of our graduates who wish to become Registered Professional Biologists.”

The College is currently assessing other programs in post-secondary institutions in British Columbia and Alberta. Students attending universities in accredited programs with the College have an advantage since those who want to follow a professional career in applied biology will have a smooth transition into the profession. Post-secondary institutions are encouraged to contact the College for information if they are interested in participating in this initiative.

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