

Funded Space Available in MEdSc Program for 2025

Nipissing University's Master of Environmental Science (MEdSc) program is recruiting a prospective MEdSc student for a funded project at Nipissing University (Supervisor, Dr. Jeff Dech) - Please email jeffreyd@nipissingu.ca for further discussion.

This project is part of an NSERC ALLIANCE Grant

Principal Investigator: YAN BOUCHER (UQAC)

Co-Investigators from seven different universities across Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick

This MEdSc project will use PGP/PSP and disturbance data from the Ontario coverage of a Forest Composition, Structure and Disturbance Database to define contemporary successional pathways for specific forest regions. Information on these pathways is currently lacking, and critically needed to establish successional rules for planning purposes. The analysis will focus on the standard forest units that are the basis for forest management planning in Ontario, and compare the utility of forest units to provincial ecosite classifications for describing successional trajectories.

This MEdSc project will directly partner with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and will be connected to the larger network of universities and government agencies in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick included in the Alliance project

The funding package for the MEdSc student completing this project will include an \$18,000 stipend per year (two years) with \$1,000 in conference support and \$500 in publication support.

Information on the Interdisciplinary Master of Environmental Science (MEdSc) program at Nipissing University can be found here: <https://www.nipissingu.ca/academics/school-graduate-studies/masters-environmental-science-studies>

Interested students must send a cover letter and CV to Dr. Jeff Dech (jeffreyd@nipissingu.ca). Review of applications will begin on July 28, 2025 and continue until the position is filled. Prospective students must have applied to the MEdS/MEdSc program (thesis stream) by August 1, 2025 to be considered for a September 2025 start.