

## THE PRINCE OF WALES FOREST LEADERSHIP AWARD

### Application Information & Form 2017-2018

This award recognizes students and recent graduates who have actively engaged in forestry or natural resource management and have demonstrated a passion for the environment and a desire to solve complex problems. A total of four award-winners, two from Canada and two from the United Kingdom, will take part in the International Forestry Student Exchange Program during the summer of 2018. Participating students will work at meaningful employment in their partner country, which will offer a broad range of interdisciplinary forestry experience in policy, planning and fieldwork. This could include: aiding in harvest prescriptions, high value conservation area determination, harvest block and road layout, silviculture-related data collection, modeling and analysis, science and research support, urban forestry management, tree planting and nursery husbandry, or gaining a better understanding of how forestry NGOs and government work. This program connects future forestry leaders with all the resources required for success—providing unique experiences and opportunities, and empowering participants, while significantly contributing to employers and host countries alike. Award winners will receive a bursary of £7,500 GBP (approximately C\$12,000 – bursary total subject to change based on currency conversion rates). Participants will cover their own expenses, including flights, accommodation, local transportation, food, insurance and incidentals. In addition, participants will be asked to maintain a blog during the exchange and produce an article after the program finishes (Additional information on the requirements for maintaining a blog will be provided to successful Award recipients).

### Qualification Criteria

#### *Canadian Applicants*

Must be a Canadian citizen age 30 or under, be able to speak English fluently, be studying or recently graduated from a Canadian post-secondary institution, and able to travel to the United Kingdom. **Please see note below for more information.**

- Students** Students who have spent at least 3 years in a silver ring recognized university forestry/natural resources management program, i.e. 3rd or 4th year students
- Students in a silver ring recognized Masters degree program in forestry/natural resources program
  - Students in a silver ring recognized college forestry/natural resources technical program (must have finished at least one year)

#### Recent Graduates:

- Convocation in 2018 or winter 2017 from a silver ring recognized university forestry/natural resources management program
- Convocation in 2018 or winter 2017 from a silver ring recognized Masters degree in forestry/natural resources

- Convocation in 2018 or winter 2017 from a silver ring recognized college forestry/natural resources technical program

***Important:*** Canadian applicants must be members of the Canadian Institute of Forestry – Institut forestier du Canada prior to applying in order to participate. For information about the benefits of membership, reduced student fees and to join online, visit: [www.cif-ifc.org/members/](http://www.cif-ifc.org/members/)

## Application Submission

Applications must be submitted in a **single document via email by 11:59pm EST on January 21st, 2018**. Applications must include each of the following:

- 1) Personal essay
- 2) Transcript(s)
- 3) Curriculum Vitae (Résumé)
- 4) Application Form (see pages 4-5)
- 5) Three References and Contact Information

Submit completed applications and direct any questions about the application process or eligibility for the award to:

**Natasha Machado**, CIF-IFC  
Email: [nmachado@cif-ifc.org](mailto:nmachado@cif-ifc.org)  
Fax: 705 744-1716

### Personal Essay

Submit a 500-word essay describing how your engagement in forestry and/or natural resources management—as well as extracurricular and volunteer activities—demonstrates why you should receive the Prince of Wales Forest Leadership Award. Also briefly discuss how you would benefit professionally and personally from the International Forestry Student Exchange Program.

### Transcript(s)

Submit a copy or a scan of your most current official university transcript. If you were or are currently a Masters student, submit your undergraduate transcript, along with your transcript for any graduate-level courses taken.

### Curriculum Vitae (Résumé)

Submit a current version of your CV (résumé). Ensure that it states all of your current or past programs of study, including your current year of study or year graduated, if applicable.

### References and Reference Letters

Please provide a minimum of three and a maximum of five independent references, along with their contact details in the section below. Your references will be required to submit written reference letters and send them directly to: Natasha Machado at [nmachado@cif-ifc.org](mailto:nmachado@cif-ifc.org)

### Timeline

- Applications Close – 11:59pm Eastern Time | January 21st, 2018
- Selection and Announcement of Award Winners – February 2018
- Work Term – June to August 2018

### Important Requirements and Considerations

#### *Canadian Applicants*

- A valid Canadian Passport
- Eligible to apply for a UK Work Visa
- A valid Canadian driving license, as driving may be a requirement for your placement
  - In the UK, driving takes place on the left hand lane, with the driver sitting on the right hand side of the car (the opposite of driving in Canada)
  - The majority of vehicles in the UK are manual transmission; your placement employer may not have automatic transmission vehicles available for you to drive
  - Roundabouts, also known as “traffic circles” are very common in the UK
  - Unlike in Canada, where speed limit signs and distance signs are indicated in kilometres, in the UK these signs are always indicated in miles (5 miles = 8 kilometres)

## THE PRINCE OF WALES FOREST LEADERSHIP AWARD Application Form 2017-2018

### Personal Information

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (secondary): \_\_\_\_\_

### Education/Employment Information

Are you currently a student? \_\_\_\_\_ When was/ when is your convocation date? \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate/Technical Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable) Masters Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Undergraduate/Technical Program: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable) Year of Masters Program: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently working: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### References

Please provide a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 independent written references, along with their contact details in the section below.

#### *1st Reference (Mandatory)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *2nd Reference (Mandatory)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *3rd Reference (Mandatory)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*4th Reference (Optional)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*5th Reference (Optional)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note: Applicants are responsible for contacting their references and ensuring a letter is produced; reference letters are to be sent directly to: Natasha Machado at the Canadian Institute of Forestry.***

Natasha Machado, Extension Forester, CIF-IFC  
Email: [nmachado@cif-ifc.org](mailto:nmachado@cif-ifc.org)  
Fax: 705 744-1716

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