



Applications Now Open for 2018 Prince of Wales Forest Leadership Award

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December 20, 2017, Mattawa, ON – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is now accepting applications for the 2018 Prince of Wales Forest Leadership Award.

This is the fourth year of the Award program – a UK-Canada partnership between the Prince of Wales' Duchy of Cornwall, the Institute of Chartered Foresters, and the Prince of Wales Charities in the UK, and the CIF-IFC in Canada.

This prestigious Award recognizes students and recent graduates who are actively engaged in forestry or natural resource management and who have a passion for the environment. Award winners participate in an international forestry student exchange program each summer to gain valuable professional experience.

"[The Award] provided me with an excellent opportunity to learn as much about forestry as I possibly could, with an insight on how things are done internationally. My placement with Pryor and Rickett allowed me to step into a real world scenario for a short time and get a more objective, non-academic view on what actually happens from seed to sawlog," explained Theresa Reichlin, a 2017 Award recipient from Canada who worked in the UK. "In addition, I've made some very meaningful friendships that will last a lifetime."

"This Award program is dedicated to connecting future forest leaders to all of the resources required for success. Four recent graduates or students, two from Canada and two from the United Kingdom, are offered a range of interdisciplinary forestry and natural resource sector experience in policy, planning and field work in their host country," said Dana Collins, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

Award recipients receive a bursary of £7,500 GBP to cover expenses (approximately \$12,000 CAD – bursary total subject to change based on currency conversion rates).

"The Award program fosters personal growth and professional development of these young professionals, helping build leaders in the forestry community, while significantly contributing to employers and host countries alike," mentioned Collins.

For eligibility criteria and how to apply: <http://www.cif-ifc.org/forest-leadership-award/>. The deadline to submit applications is 11:59pm Eastern Time - January 21, 2018.

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