



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Group Achievement Award to the UBC Forestry Diversity Crew, University of British Columbia

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Mattawa, ON – Thursday, October 7, 2021 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce the UBC Forestry Diversity Crew, University of British Columbia as the as the first recipient of the inaugural Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Group Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 2021 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony held virtually on October 6, 2021.

This Award was newly added to the CIF-IFC National Awards Program in 2021 and recognizes groups (including volunteer groups and/or organizations) that have made significant and outstanding contributions to advance gender equity, equality, diversity and inclusion in the field of forestry in Canada. This Award has the objective of encouraging the recruitment, retention and advancement of underrepresented groups in the forest sector.

“Through their work to shift the culture and conversations around diversity, inclusion, and interculturality in UBC’s Faculty of Forestry, the CIF-IFC is proud to recognize the UBC Forestry Diversity Crew for their efforts,” stated CIF-IFC Executive Director, Mark Pearson.

The UBC Forestry Diversity Crew is a volunteer-led organization made up of students, faculty and staff. The Crew works at multiple levels, aiming to improve the atmosphere for diversity and inclusion across the faculty. Five years of work have supported interculturality, LGBTQ2S+, and ableism. The diverse skills of members in consensus-building, workshop facilitation, and creative expertise, has resulted in unique and varied approaches to JEDI (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion).

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues. To learn more about the CIF-IFC National Awards Program, visit: www.cif-ifc.org/national-awards

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