



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Schlich Memorial Prize to Abigail Least of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

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Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce to Abigail Least of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario as the 2022 recipient of the Schlich Memorial Prize. The Award was presented at the 2022 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 12, 2022 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

The Schlich Memorial Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding student chosen by the university and technical school(s) represented by the Section hosting the Annual National Conference. The Prize is named after Sir William Schlich, a German forester who became Inspector General of Forests to the Government of India. He also founded the School of Forestry at Oxford in 1905, and was knighted in 1909 for his many achievements. He passed away in 1925 and the Oxford Forestry School sponsored a campaign to create a fitting memorial - the Schlich Memorial Fund.

“Abigail is a worthy recipient of the Schlich Memorial Prize through her outstanding academic achievements and dedication to advancing forestry,” stated CIF-IFC Executive Director, Mark Pearson.

Abigail Least is currently in her final semester of the Forestry Technician - Conservation program at Sault College. She previously earned her Honours BA with a specialization in Geography and minor in Indigenous Studies from the University of Ottawa. As a student at Sault College, she has been awarded the President’s Academic Excellence Scholarship and Dr. Alam Sundaram Memorial Scholarship. Abigail has extensive experience working in the natural environment field including outdoor education, policy analysis, and silviculture. Her recent experiences include working for Parks Canada in Banff National Park as a vegetation management technician, focusing on invasive species management and terrestrial restoration. During the summer of 2022, she completed her co-op placement with the Saskatchewan Forest Service conducting silviculture surveys. Abigail is excited to pursue a meaningful career in forestry upon graduating in December 2022.

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: cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-awards

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