

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

This award recognises 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 Programme 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 non-governmental organisations 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 (C\$12,000) total. 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

UK Applicants

Must be a United Kingdom citizen age 30 or under and able to travel to Canada.

Please see note below for more information.

Students:

This award is open to students who have or will be graduating from a forestry, arboricultural or natural resources programme.

Students who have spent 3 years in a forestry, arboriculture or natural resources programme at a higher educational level within the UK, would be eligible to go on the exchange after:

- The 2nd year of a 3 year degree, or;
- The 3rd year of a 4 year degree, or;
- On graduating with a degree, or;
- On graduating with a Master's degree.

Important: UK applicants must be members of the Institute of Chartered Foresters prior to applying in order to participate. For information about student membership, visit:

www.charteredforesters.org/student-membership

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 (Resume)
- 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

Fax: +1 705 744-1716

Personal Essay

Submit a 500 word essay describing how your engagement in forestry, arboriculture 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 Programme.

Transcript(s)

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

Curriculum Vitae (Resume)

Submit a current version of your CV (resume). 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

Timeline

- Applications Close - 11:59pm Eastern Time | 21 January 2018
- Selection and Announcement of Award Winners - February 2018



- Work Term – June to August 2018

Important Requirements and Considerations

UK Applicants

- A valid UK Passport
- Eligible to apply for a Canadian Work Visa
- A valid UK driving license as driving may be a requirement for your placement
 - In Canada, driving takes place on the right hand lane, with the driver sitting on the left hand side of the car (the opposite of driving in the UK)
 - The majority of vehicles in Canada have an automatic transmission
 - Unlike in the UK, where speed limit signs and distance signs are indicated in miles, in Canada these signs are always in kilometres (5 miles = 8 kilometres)

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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? _____ If no, when was your graduation date? _____

Undergraduate Program of Study: _____

(If applicable) Master's Program of Study: _____

Year of Undergraduate Program: _____

(If applicable) Year of Master's 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 reference and ensuring a letter is produced; reference letters are to be sent directly to: Natasha Machado at the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

Natasha Machado, CIF-IFC

Email: nmachado@cif-ifc.org

Tel: +1 (705) 744-1715

Fax: +1 705 744-1716

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