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Canadian Forest Service Pacific Forestry Centre

Graduate Student Award



Graduate students at Canadian Universities jointly supervised by a professor and a Natural Resources Canada researcher or director based at the Canadian Forest Service's Pacific Forestry Centre may be eligible for an annual award of \$5,000.



Let's work together

The Pacific Forestry Centre Graduate Student Award is intended to provide gifted students an opportunity to work with leading-edge researchers involved in vital national programs, and to encourage such students to carry out their graduate research in Canada. The resulting collaboration between federal government research scientists and Canadian universities will benefit the research community as a whole.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you are (or plan to be) a registered student in a graduate program at a Canadian University and are conducting forestry related research. Students may receive funding assistance for up to three years throughout their graduate work – two years for master's students and three years for doctoral students. Preference will be given to students who are Canadian citizens. We also encourage members of the following designated groups not only to apply, but to self-identify: women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons in a visible minority group.



Work at a world-class research centre



The Pacific Forestry Centre of the Canadian Forest Service, located in Victoria, is one of six federal forest science research centres across the country that together with two research forests and an Ottawa headquarters make up the Canadian Forest Service, a sector of Natural Resources Canada.

The Centre, a world-class source of scientific knowledge on the stewardship of Canada's forested lands and the management of commercial forests, helps fulfill the mandate of the Canadian Forest Service, which is to promote the sustainable development of Canada's forests and the competitiveness of the Canadian forest sector.

The Pacific Forestry Centre occupies a four-storey 23,300 m² building on 7 ha of land and is staffed by about 140 employees with an additional 80 student and term employees. The facility also houses controlled environmental chambers, growth rooms, propagating rooms, greenhouses and lab facilities.

Participate in research on vital national programs

Research at the Pacific Forestry Centre focuses on biodiversity, biotechnology, climate change, ecology and ecosystems, entomology, forest conditions, monitoring, and reporting, forest fires, forest and landscape management, pathology, silviculture and regeneration, and related socio-economic issues. National programs led by the Centre, in collaboration with provincial and territorial partners, include the *Earth Observation of Sustainable Development of Forests*, *Forest Carbon Measurement and Monitoring Framework*, *National Forest Inventory* and the *National Forest Information System*. Pacific Forestry Centre researchers also investigate *industry, trade and economics issues* and assist with the delivery of the *First Nation Forestry Program*, the *Mountain Pine Beetle Initiative*, *Feasibility and Assessment of Afforestation for Carbon Sequestration*, and the *Model Forests Program*. As a member of the Department of National Defence's *Environmental Science Advisory Committee*, the Pacific Forestry Centre is helping oversee environmental research projects carried out by various individuals and organizations on Department of National Defence lands, particularly those administered by Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt. In addition, the Centre assists the Department of National Defence in forest management on its properties in British Columbia.



Send in your application at any time

Applications can be submitted to the Pacific Forestry Centre throughout the year but must be made jointly by the university professor who will be supervising the research, the supervising Pacific Forestry Centre researcher or director, and the graduate student. Both the supervising professor and supervising federal researcher must be members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Applications will be adjudicated by the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Director-General of the Pacific Forestry Centre, with preference going to projects tied to research being conducted at the Pacific Forestry Centre.

Payment

Award payments will be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The University will administer the funding, and report annually on its disbursement to the Pacific Forestry Centre.

Notification

The Pacific Forestry Centre will notify applicants in writing as soon as decisions are made. Awards will be distributed in August, December, and April.

Apply online

Application forms are available at www.pfc.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/award or by contacting

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