

Eligibility Guidelines

About the Fellowship

The UBC Faculty of Forestry's Future Forests Fellowship aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies.

Value: \$70,000 CAD annually for up to four years. The fellowship is intended to cover all expenses incurred in the preparation and conduct of research.

Application Timeline

Opening Date: The FFF application and list of supporting documents required will be made available starting August 1, 2022. In order to be considered for the Fellowship, a complete PhD program application (September 2023 intake) must also be submitted.

Closing Deadline: The FFF and PhD applications, plus all required supporting documentation, must be submitted by **4pm PST, Friday, November 25, 2022**. The award recipient announcement will be made in January 2023.

I/ Field of Study

Applicants must intend to undertake doctoral research in one of the following areas of excellence for the Faculty of Forestry. The research must be conducted, at least in part, in British Columbia, and should result in an outcome that has practical application in BC.

- Forest Products Biotechnology;
- Bioenergy;
- Forest Genomics;
- Climate Change;
- Urban Forestry;
- Forest Management;
- Conservation;
- Forested Landscapes;
- Salmon Ecology;
- Forest Health;
- Forests and Indigenous Peoples;
- Forests and Human Health.

II/ Academic Standing

FFF applicants must have a minimum A+ standing in each of their last two years of full-time study. GPA is calculated using all courses taken in a given year. For example at UBC, A+ standing is 90% and higher. At other universities, A+ standing is determined from marking keys that accompany transcripts.

III/ Citizenship

Both domestic and international students are eligible to apply.

IV/ Student Status

- Applicants must be seeking financial support for their first doctoral degree.
- Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for admission to full-time doctoral studies at UBC Forestry and intend to register beginning September 2023 (a completed application to the Forestry PhD program September 2023 intake is part of the documentation required for applying to the Future Forests Fellowship).
- To receive funding, the successful recipient of the Future Forests Fellowship must:
 - remain enrolled as a full-time student in the UBC Forestry doctoral program and demonstrate continued satisfactory progress documented through annual progress reports;
 - not hold any other awards from the Canadian government or the University of British Columbia at the same time as the Future Forests Fellowship.

APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Academic Excellence

– Weighting 30%

- Academic record;
- Scholarships and awards held;
- Duration of previous studies.

Research ability or potential

– Weighting 50%

- Quality of contributions to research and development;
- Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research;
- Significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research, and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, the potential benefit to society, and how anticipated outcomes will have practical application in British Columbia.
- Intended areas of research must fit with one of the following Areas of Excellence for the Faculty: Forest Products Biotechnology; Bioenergy; Forest Genomics; Climate Change; Urban Forestry; Forest Management; Conservation; Forested Landscapes; Salmon Ecology; Forest Health; Forests and Indigenous Peoples; Forests and Human Health.
- Ability to think critically;
- Ability to apply skills and knowledge;
- Judgment;
- Originality;
- Initiative and autonomy;
- Enthusiasm for research;
- Determination and ability to complete projects within an appropriate period of time.

Communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities

– Weighting 20%

- The ability or potential to communicate scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats. For example, this could include:
 - quality of the application's presentation;
 - participation in preparing publications; and
 - awards for oral presentations or papers.
- Professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations. For example, this could include:
 - mentoring;
 - teaching;
 - supervisory experience;
 - project management;
 - chairing committees;
 - organizing conferences and meetings; and
 - elected positions held.