



BULKLEY VALLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – IRVING FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre – Irving Fox Memorial Scholarship for Natural and Cultural Resources Research and Management is awarded to a student from northwestern British Columbia or a student enrolled in or entering studies in natural or cultural resource research and/or management in northwestern British Columbia. For the purposes of the scholarship, northwestern British Columbia is defined as the area within the Bulkley-Stikine, Skeena, and North Coast provincial electoral districts. The value of the award is \$750 – \$1000.

Who is eligible?

A student enrolled in or entering a full-time or part-time post-secondary program (technical institution, college, university—undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral) in any field of research or management related to the sustainable use of natural resources, including their social or cultural dimensions (e.g. anthropology, archaeology, First Nations studies, social sustainability). *Applicants must not have received the scholarship within the previous five years.*

The student must demonstrate at least one of the following connections to northwestern BC:

- a) The student was born, grew up or attended school within the area.
- b) The student or the student's immediate family currently resides in the area.
- c) The student will be attending a post-secondary institution in the area.
- d) The student will be conducting studies or research within the area.
- e) The student is working or has worked in the field of natural resources research and/or management in the area.

What should be included in the application?

Applicants should submit a resume or curriculum vitae and an application letter. The resume/curriculum vitae should contain, at a minimum, an academic history, work/volunteer experience, and any other relevant information.

The application letter should be 1-2 pages in length and include the following:

- The name and contact information of the applicant.
- The name of the post-secondary institution and natural or cultural resource research/management program that the applicant is entering or is currently enrolled in. Please include the date (month/year) that the program was (or is expected to be) started, and the expected date (month/year) of completion.

- The applicant's connection to northwestern British Columbia. Please include all relevant connections as listed above under "Who is eligible?"
- A brief explanation of why the applicant feels that she/he deserves the scholarship.
- The names and contact information for two references (academic, work, personal) for the applicant. References that are familiar with the applicant's interest/involvement in natural or cultural resource research or management are preferred.
- An overview of academic performance.

Academic transcripts may be requested during the evaluation process.

Who is on the evaluation committee?

Applications will be evaluated by the Bulkley Valley Research Centre Scholarship Committee, which is composed of at least three members of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre.

How will the Scholarship Committee evaluate the applications?

Applications for the scholarship will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) The relevance of the program that the applicant is enrolled in or entering to the field of natural resources research and management, including its social or cultural dimensions, and to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre as outlined in the Strategic Plan (see the website: www.bvcentre.ca.) (30-40%)
- b) The applicant's connection to northwestern British Columbia. (20-30%)
- c) The applicant's explanation of why they feel they deserve the scholarship, and the applicant's academic performance and references. (40%)

The scholarship is normally awarded to one applicant each year. However, more than one scholarship may be awarded if several deserving candidates apply. The committee may choose not to award a scholarship if, in its opinion, none of the applicants meet the standard expected of the scholarship.

Time frame

The deadline for applications is May 31st of each year. Applications may be submitted by email to info@bvcentre.ca, or by mail to Bulkley Valley Research Centre, Box 4274, Smithers, BC, V0J 2N0. The applicant(s) selected for the Bulkley Valley Research Centre – Irving Fox Memorial Scholarship for Natural Resources Research and Management will be notified by July 31st.

The successful applicant must provide proof of enrolment to receive funding and, if not already enrolled, must enter their program within seven months after notification that they received the scholarship. The seven month time limit may be extended under special circumstances.