



BULKLEY VALLEY RESEARCH CENTRE AWARDS

The Irving Fox Award



1. **The Irving Fox Award** recognizes an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to ecological, social or economic knowledge of the sustainability of natural resources in northwest B.C. The award can recognize a specific project or a lifetime contribution. Winners of the Irving Fox Award will receive a certificate, public recognition for their contribution, and the use of the title in their curriculum vitae.

2. **Who is eligible?**

Any individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the knowledge and sustainability of natural resource use in northwest B.C. Some portion of the research or its application must be undertaken in northwest B.C. Eligibility is not restricted to residents of northwest B.C.

3. **Who can nominate?**

Nominations are made by any member or group of members of the Bulkley Valley (BV) Research Centre (regular or sustaining or an employee/member of an organization that is a member). Nominations from non-members must be sponsored by at least one BV Research Centre member. Members may nominate themselves for the award.

4. What should be included in a nomination package?

The nomination package should include:

- a) name(s) and contact information of the nominator(s).
- b) a comprehensive curriculum vitae of the individual or a description of the project and its team members.
- c) a justification (1000 word maximum) explaining how the individual, team, or project meets the level of distinction associated with this award.
- d) contact information for at least three references. These may include the nominator(s), but are expected to include at least one external reference.

5. Who is on the evaluation committee?

The evaluation committee is composed of four individuals, of which at least two must be members of the BV Research Centre and at least one must be an external scientist.

6. How will the evaluation committee select a winner?

Nominations for the award shall be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) contribution or anticipated contribution to scientific or public understanding or achievement of sustainability in Northwest BC in all of its ecological, social and economic dimensions. For guidance, the evaluating committee may wish to refer to the Mission, Vision and Values of the BV Research Centre as outlined in its Strategic Plan (<http://www.bvcentre.ca/pdf/Documents/Centre-Policy/StrategicPlanApprovedMay4-v4.pdf>). (80%)
- b) contribution to increased national and international awareness of the natural resources of northwest B.C., or of research pertaining to those natural resources. (20%)

The committee may choose not to designate a winner if, in its opinion, none of the nominations meets the high standard expected of the award.

7. Timeframe

Nomination packages must be received by 4 pm on January 25th at: info@bvcentre.ca or by mail at: **BV Research Centre**, Box 4274, Smithers, B.C., V0J 2N0. The individual(s) selected for the Irving Fox Award will be announced at the BV Research Centre Annual General Meeting in March.



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The Jim Pojar Award



- 1. The Jim Pojar Award** honours the author(s) of an outstanding publication of any type, published in print or electronically within the previous 5 years that improves the scientific understanding or public appreciation of the ecological, social or human dimensions of natural resource use and sustainability in northwest B.C. Winners of the award will receive a certificate, public recognition for their contribution, and the use of the title in their curriculum vitae.
- 2. Who is eligible?**

Any individual or group who through a publication has made a significant contribution to the knowledge and sustainability of natural resources in northwest BC. The publication must be less than 6 years old (i.e., published no earlier than 2000). Some portion of the research must have been undertaken in northwest B.C. Eligibility is not restricted to residents of northwest B.C. or members of the BV Research Centre.
- 3. Who can nominate?**

Nominations are made by any member of the BV Research Centre (regular or sustaining member or an employee/member of a member organization) Nominations from non-members must be sponsored by at least one BV Research Centre member. Members may nominate themselves for the award.

4. What should be included in a nomination package?

The nomination package should include:

- a) name(s) of and contact information for the nominee.
- b) a copy of the publication.
- c) a curriculum vitae or brief biographical description of the author(s).
- d) a justification (1000 word maximum) explaining the relevance and merits of the publication relative to the award, and the funder(s) of the research for the publication.

5. Who is on the evaluation committee?

The evaluation committee is composed of four individuals, of which at least two must be members of the BV Research Centre and at least one must be an external scientist.

6. How will the evaluation committee select a winner?

Nominations for the award shall be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) the scientific and/or literary quality of the publication, including any of the following: creativity and originality; clarity of communication; technical achievements in research and analytical methods; impact, measured by means of citation index, copies sold, media coverage, etc.; other awards won; technical soundness, depth and clarity of thought, evidence of integration or interdisciplinarity. (50 %).
- b) contribution or anticipated contribution to scientific or public understanding or achievement of sustainability in Northwest BC in all of its ecological, social and economic dimensions. For guidance, the evaluating committee may refer to the Mission, Vision and Values of the BV Research Centre as outlined in its Strategic Plan (<http://www.bvcentre.ca/pdf/Documents/Centre-Policy/StrategicPlanApprovedMay4-v4.pdf>). (50%)
- c) The committee may choose not to designate a winner if, in its opinion, none of the publications nominated meets the high standards expected of the award.

7. Timeframe

Nomination packages must be received by 4 pm on January 25th at:

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