

Queen Elizabeth Four Month Visiting Scholarship for students from India and Commonwealth countries in Africa

The Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (www.queenelizabethscholars.ca) aim to activate a dynamic community of young global leaders across the Commonwealth to create lasting impacts at both home and abroad through inter-cultural exchanges encompassing international education, discovery and inquiry, and professional experiences.

Through this program, UBC Faculty of Forestry is pleased to invite applications from outstanding students from India and Commonwealth countries in Africa currently enrolled in a postgraduate program to apply for funding to be a visiting scholar at UBC for up to four months. During this time, visiting scholars engage in seminars and develop skills relevant to their current research work.

Applicants must currently be conducting forestry research at a university in India or Commonwealth countries in Africa (preferably, at one of our partner institutions – see <http://gescholars.forestry.ubc.ca/india-and-commonwealth-countries-in-africa/> for more information) and identify a UBC faculty member who is willing to mentor them during their visit to UBC. The UBC faculty mentor should have an active research program that is well-aligned with the applicant's research. The scholarship provides the airfare (max C\$2,100), and living expenses (C\$1,550 per month for up to 4 months).

Successful candidates will join a network of Queen Elizabeth Scholars at UBC and across Canada and the Commonwealth. They will be expected to share their experiences broadly both at their home and partner institutions, participate in network events, and mentor future participants. Opportunities for professional development will also be available.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- 35 years of age or under at the time of application
- Proficient in English
- Currently enrolled as a master's or Ph.D. student in India or Commonwealth countries in Africa
- Citizens of a Commonwealth country (but not Canadian). Anyone who has applied for Canadian citizenship or permanent residency is not eligible.
- Scholars must agree to return to their home country after the study visit and sign a form to this effect as part of their acceptance of the award.
- Scholars must participate in community engagement activities in Canada.

To apply, please send:

- Cover letter outlining your motivation to apply for the visiting scholarship, proposed activities while at UBC, and how you will contribute to community engagement activities in Canada
- One-page summary of your current or planned research work
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of support from current supervisor at home institution, outlining your current research, intellectual preparedness, and how a visiting scholarship will contribute to your work
- Letter of support from a UBC faculty member outlining a fit between their current research and applicant's proposed plan, and commitment to mentor the applicant during their stay at UBC.

Eligible applications will be evaluated based on:

- the significance of proposed visit to applicant's research- either in the form of course work, or research experience, or both
- the alignment of proposed research with the QES program goals degree of support from current supervisor
- the fit between research program of proposed UBC faculty member and the applicant's proposed research
- the commitment from proposed UBC faculty member for mentoring the applicant's research activities.

Deadline: January 9, 2017 (for a start date between May 2017– August 2017).

Note that successful Queen Elizabeth Visiting Scholarship applicants must also apply as a Visiting International Research Student through UBC Go Global:
(<http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/visiting-international-research-student>).

Application materials should be emailed to [Gayle Kosh](mailto:Gayle.Kosh@ubc.ca) (gayle.kosh@ubc.ca).