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PETER DEMARSH MEMORIAL BURSARY

ABOUT THE PETER DEMARSH BURSARY

To honour Peter deMarsh's memory and to continue to celebrate and defend woodlot owners' multiple contributions to rural development, Canadian Forest Owners, in collaboration with the International Family Forestry Alliance, UPA International Development, and individual donors, has established the **Peter deMarsh Memorial Bursary** to be awarded annually.

This \$12,000 bursary will be awarded each year to a Canadian or international graduate student in the final stage of his/her doctoral or master's-level research at a Canadian university. Often, students will have finished the years of schooling and coursework required for their master's degree or doctorate but will not have completed their thesis or dissertation. This bursary may provide the opportunity to finish their thesis or dissertation before returning to the job market.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be Canadian citizens or international students and registered full-time in a graduate program at a Canadian university.

Research in various fields and disciplines is eligible, such as family and community forestry and agriculture, rural development, economics, business, law, sociology, anthropology, etc.

Research projects developed in conjunction with the support of a provincial member of CFO, a national member of the International Family Forestry Alliance, or an established national or international organization involved with a relevant subject are encouraged.

EACH APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE

- Proof of registration in a Canadian graduate program
- A curriculum vitae, including contact information
- A cover letter (500 words max) explaining the reason for applying for this award
- A brief description of the applicant's research project
- A reference letter from an academic supervisor in support of the applicant's academic achievements and research goals



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Evaluation will be based on academic performance with consideration given to those working in the field of policy and advocacy as it relates to the development of, and self support of rural communities, especially, but not limited to, family-owned woodlots.

Bursary recipients must agree to have their names and a description of their field of study included in promotional materials.

A mid-point progress report and final research document must be made available to any participating associations and to the Peter deMarsh Bursary Fund.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 30TH OF EACH YEAR.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

To apply, applicants must email their documents to: **PdeMarsh@forestowners.ca**

A committee composed of CFO representatives and the deMarsh family will select the recipient.

The name of the recipient will be announced by **August 31st** of each year.

ABOUT PETER DEMARSH



On March 10, 2019, forest-dependent and rural communities in Canada and around the world lost a champion when an Ethiopian Airlines plane crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 157 aboard. Peter deMarsh was on the plane, on his way to a United Nations environmental conference in Nairobi, again representing the viewpoints of woodlot owners in international deliberations on forests.

Peter deMarsh strived throughout his life to convince the tens of millions of woodlot owners around the world to take collective action through their local, regional, national, and international organizations, which work so ably to defend and promote woodlot owners' interests. Peter was an exceptional human being and a mentor—a modest, humble man whose wisdom was universally recognized. Renowned as a champion of rural communities and private woodlot owners, he had a wealth of institutional knowledge and an unmatched love and passion for rural life. Regarding forests, his message was simple: woodlot owners themselves are in the best position to sustainably manage our natural resources and are uniquely qualified, since they have an intimate knowledge of the land and often pass it down from generation to generation within the same family.

ABOUT CFO

Canadian Forest Owners (CFO) is the voice of 450,000 private forest landowners across Canada representing landowners, both large and small, who are working together to create good national policies that ensure the future of our forests. CFO members practice sustainable forest management contributing to a low carbon economy and play a key role in climate change solutions.

To learn more about this scholarship and the other scholarships and bursaries we offer, please visit www.forestowners.ca.