Lakehead UNIVERSITY | Faculty of Natural Resources Management

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INDO-PACIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR CANADIANS (IPSFC)

Gender and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Sustainable Development

FACULTY OF NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS, 2026-27

DEADLINE TO APPLY: August 31, 2026

The Indo-Pacific Scholarships and Fellowships for Canadians (IPSFC) program is funded by Global Affairs Canada to support Canadian universities in offering programs of scholarships and fellowships to enhance the capacity of Canadians in the areas related to Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy; to increase connectivity between Canadian and Indo-Pacific Institutions; and to support new academic and research pursuits on the Indo-Pacific region.

Lakehead's IPSFC project will support graduate student research stays with partner institutions in the Indo-Pacific region, on topics related to "Gender and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Sustainable Development". The program will run for two years (there will be a second call for the 2027-28 academic year).

The Faculty of Natural Resources Management at Lakehead has been building a partnership with KNU over the past couple of years. An MOU has been signed with KNU to develop dual-degree Master programs and co-tutelle PhD programs. Lakehead has already hosted a field school for 20 students and 2 professors from KNU. With KNU, the project will support an estimated 8 students from the Faculty of Natural Resources Management, including MSc students and PhD students. At both the Master's and PhD levels, KNU and Lakehead are in the process of exploring dual degree and cotutelle programs, respectively; this project will serve as the predecessor and help establish the formal agreements for the future dual programs. Each student will be co-supervised by a professor from NRM and KNU. NRM researchers will also be eligible for fellowships to spend one month in a research stay at KNU.

Examples of possible research projects may include forest fire mitigation under climate change, arthropod diversity across forest types under climate change, superabsorbent hydrogels from bioproduct wastes, and adaptive forest management strategies under climate change.

This project will support NRM faculty members seeking to establish new research collaborations with the partner institution, as well as enable master's students to undertake research stays. Faculty members of the Faculty of **Natural Resources Management (NRM)** are eligible to apply for one-month research stays at the **Kangwon National University (KNU), in Chuncheon, South Korea.**

A concurrent competition will be held for Lakehead graduate students, with the potential for the NRM graduate student and faculty member to travel at the same time and work together. While

NRM faculty and graduate students will have their own scope of work and deliverables, this synergy is encouraged.

ELIGIBILTY CRITERIA:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Must be a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and hold a full-time faculty appointment within the Faculty of Natural Resources Management

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Apply via the ROMEO Research Portal

1. CV

2. Project Proposal, to include the following (maximum 3 pages)

- Project title and abstract
- Introduction, including host country and institution, dates of travel, and how the project fits with the strategic objectives of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy
- Description of new or existing connection or collaboration at KNU
- Expertise related to climate change
- Description of project, including objectives, activities and desired outcomes
- Explanation of how graduate students may be involved

3. Letter of Invitation from Host University

- must be on letterhead, have a recent date, and be signed
- should reflect agreement with the proposal and proposed dates of stay
- should indicate availability of work space, required resources and expertise to support the proposed project.

4. Government of Canada Privacy Statement DOWNLOAD

FUNDING

Fellowships provide funding for international travel, 30 days of accommodations and meals, and comprehensive insurance, up to a maximum of CAD 6,695.

- International Airfare: Up to CAD 3,500
- Accommodations: 1,500
- Meals: 1,500
- Insurance (Backpack/VIP): 195

IF SELECTED: Travel may begin as early as soon as the fellowship is awarded, but may require some time to complete host institution and/or visa requirements.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Faculty of Natural Resources Management will convene a fellowship selection committee to review applications and award the fellowships.

Selection criteria will include:

- Quality of proposal
- Potential of project to contribute to a sustainable collaboration between Lakehead and the host institution (including involvement of graduate students)
- Fit with the strategic objectives of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy
- Strength of supporting documents (letter of invitation (host))
- Self-identification with an equity-seeking group

Proposals related to existing collaborations at KNU, and those prepared to co-supervise KNU students, will be prioritized.

Questions?

- For assistance with the application: Jill Sherman, intl.research@lakeheadu.ca
- For NRM questions: Dr. Brigitte Leblon, Dean, Faculty of Natural Resources Management, bleblon@lakeheadu.ca