



Call for Applications

Graduate Certificate of Forestry Scholarship

The Graduate Certificate of Forestry, Australia, is being developed collaboratively with the University of Tasmania, the Australian National University, The University of Melbourne, the University of South Australia and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

- Are you interested in studying in 2025?
- Do you want to deepen your knowledge of forest science and management?
- Would you like a Graduate Certificate of Forestry?
- Are you a Forestry Australia member? (or willing to become one?)
- Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident?

Forestry Australia and the Forestry Scholarship Fund are **offering one (1) scholarship** to participate in the Graduate Certificate of Forestry program in 2025/2026. The total scholarship is valued at \$24,000, which includes tuition for four units and \$2,000 per unit to cover travel and participation.

The Graduate Certificate of Forestry will be delivered both online and in person and will consist of four units that can be **undertaken over one or two years**.

Online classes **commence mid-February 2025**.

The successful scholarship recipient would need to participate in each residential school and dedicate approximately 8-10 hours a week per unit (excluding residential school attendance). The course also requires participants to successfully complete subject assessments for each unit.

The residential school dates and locations for 2025 are as follows:

| Subject | 2025 Residential School Dates | Residential School Location |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Introduction to Forestry | Monday 31 March – Friday 4 April | Launceston & Northern Tasmania |
| Plantation Management | Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May | Mt Gambier, SA |
| Forest Operations – Harvest, haulage and logistics | Monday 15 - Friday 19 September | Southeast, Queensland |
| Carbon Forestry | Monday 13 – Friday 17 October | Creswick, Victoria |

Questions about the **Graduate Certificate of Forestry** (under development), contact:
Prof. Mark Hunt, M.Hunt@utas.edu.au

Questions about the **scholarship**, contact:
Forestry Australia, admin@forestry.org.au

Applications close: 5.00 pm (AEDT) Wednesday 15 January 2025



Eligibility:

The scholarship is available to:

- University graduates who have subsequently worked for at least two years in a forestry or forest management-related field
- Forestry Australia members
- Australian citizens or permanent residents

Selection criteria:

Each application will be assessed with the following selection criteria:

- **Academic merit:** Strong academic performance in previous studies
- **Career goals:** A clear articulation of how the scholarship and study will contribute to the applicant's professional development and future contributions to the field
- **Reflections on the future of forestry:** The quality and insights of the future of forestry and forest management in Australia statement
- **Access and inclusion:** Preference may be given to applicants who face financial barriers to further study, including those whose current employment cannot provide financial support for their education
- **Letter of support** from current employer
- **Referee** feedback

About the Forestry Scholarship Fund

The Forestry Scholarship Fund was established to provide support to students studying forestry and forest related programs including forest science, forest management, bushfire planning and forest research. The Forestry Scholarship Fund is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) and has DGR status. All donations over \$2.00 to the fund are tax deductible.

Scholarship terms and conditions:

Applications must be submitted using the attached application form and received by the closing date.

Applicants must be current financial members of Forestry Australia.

The scholarship recipient must be an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident in Australia, within the meaning of the Australian Citizen Act 1948 to be eligible to apply.

The decision of the judges is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Scholarship funds must be used solely for educational expenses as outlined in the agreement.

The scholarship recipient must agree to:

- *maintain satisfactory academic progress or a minimum grade point average throughout the program.*
- *remain engaged in the profession after completing the program for a period of at least two years or as long as practically possible.*
- *Provide permission to Forestry Australia to use their name in promotion of the scholarship including but not limited to:*
 - o *provide a high-resolution image*
 - o *submit a 750-word report and high-resolution images (from residential school participation) at the conclusion of their study.*

Forestry Australia reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if terms and conditions are not met.



Forestry Scholarship Fund Application Form

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| Forestry Australia member number: | | | |
| First name: | | Last name: | |
| Phone: | | | |
| Email: | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| Current employer: | | | |
| Referee name: | | | |
| Referee phone: | | | |
| Referee email: | | | |

Please attach the following to your application form:

- ✓ 2-page curriculum vitae (CV), indicating academic performance
- ✓ Letter of support from employer
- ✓ A short (300-word) word statement on how the scholarship and study will contribute to your professional development and your future career in forest management.
- ✓ A short (200-word) word statement on your view of the future of forest management in Australia and where you see emerging trends and opportunities.
- ✓ Australian birth certificate, proof of permanent residency or citizenship

Please review and sign:

All the information given in this Scholarship application is factual and correct at the time of submission. I understand that incorrect information may render this application void. I understand that all decisions made by the Trustees in relation to the awarding of this or any other scholarship, prize or bursary are final and are not subject to appeal, review or petition.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Email your application form and attachments in one document to admin@forestry.org.au

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