



**OPEN CALL:
Student researcher in the Young African Forestry Professionals Publication
project (YAFP)**

By
International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)
Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education

About the project

The Young African Forestry Professionals Publication project (YAFP) is a new project launched in April 2020 by the joint IUFRO-IFSA Taskforce on Forest Education. The project's overall goal is to motivate and inspire young people to pursue forest-related studies and careers in Africa by increasing the visibility of career options and young African role models working in forest-related fields.

YAFP is collecting data through interviews of inspirational role models in the forest related fields as well as the research on a short outlook on forest education in Africa and review of networking organizations that African young foresters can join both within and outside the continent.

The results will be compiled into a book that will be published, printed and distributed to tertiary institutions offering degree programmes in forestry and selected high schools on the Africa continent. This project is supported by IUFRO-IFSA Joint Task Force on Forest Education; Special Programme on Development of Capacities- International Union of Forest Research Organisation (IUFRO SPDC) and the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA).

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Scope of work

The project is currently seeking a student researcher to assist in conducting research work for the following specific objectives.

Objective 1

Outlook on forest education in Africa: Under this objective, a survey will be conducted to collect information on tertiary institutions offering forestry programmes in Africa.

Task(s): Listing (in table format) of tertiary institutions offering forestry programmes in Africa.

Objective 2

Review of regional and/or global networking organizations African young foresters can join both within and outside the continent.

Task(s): A review of networking organisations relating to forestry field showing a brief description, focus, contacts such as website and email addresses.

The student researcher will also be assigned other duties related to the project.

Eligibility

- Must be a Southern Africa region member of IFSA, i.e. the following countries - South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya and Democratic Republic of Congo.
- S/He is either a university student or graduated less than a year ago. **Students in their last semesters are highly encouraged to apply for the position.**
- Must be interested in the field of forest education in Africa.
- Ability to carry out independent research work with little or no supervision.
- Sufficient research experience and ability to work virtually, collect and analyse online surveys.
- Ability to work in a multicultural team

Work time frame

The research and report is to be completed within 12 weeks after award of contract.

Remuneration

This is a voluntary position like other IFSA's positions.

The project is able to provide some stipends after submission of the report.

S/he shall also be named as a co-author of the published book.

Application

1. A one page cover letter explaining your motivation, research and/or leadership experience to carry out this research.
2. A letter of confirmation from LC President.
3. 2 page CV outlining your research experience, also provide links to previous research outputs.

Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

All the three (3) documents should be combined as a single PDF and email to jtfbookproject@ifsa.net latest by **05 June, 2020 by 23:59 GMT +1**.

Selection

Candidates shall be notified 2 weeks after the deadline on their application outcome.

Enquiries

All enquiry related to this call should be directed to project coordinator - Juliet Acheing Owuor on jtfbookproject@ifsa.net