

European Forest Institute (EFI)

welcomes applicants from young researchers, PhD students or advanced scientists
for

Scholarships for EFI Member Organisations in 2011

The scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. The topic of the work should fit in EFI priority areas in one of the following locations:

- Sustainability and climate change - EFI Headquarters, Joensuu, Finland
- Foresight and information - EFI Headquarters, Joensuu, Finland
- Policy and Governance - EFI Headquarters, Joensuu, Finland
- FLEGT facility - EFI Headquarters, Joensuu, Finland
- Biomass production, and ecosystem services – EFINORD, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Governance and management of forests and land use in Central-East Europe – EFICEEC, Vienna, Austria
- Planted forests, their sustainability and risks – EFIATLANTIC, Bordeaux, France
- Mediterranean forests under global change: fire risk and providing services – EFIMED, Barcelona, Spain
- Integrated and adaptive forest management in Central Europe – EFICIENT-OEF, Freiburg, Germany
- (Socio)-economics, policy and indicators for sustainability – EFICIENT-OEF, Nancy, France

The selection criteria are:

- relevance of the research topic for Europe,
- multicountry applicability (i.e. the research relates to several countries or can be applied in several countries of Europe),
- applicant's previous academic track-record
- quality of the research plan (please see criteria described in the Guidelines for Applicants)
- candidates should be affiliated to an EFI Associate or Affiliate Member organisation.

The scholarship is granted for three months, and the successful candidate will be based in one of the locations listed above. The amount of the scholarship is 750 Euro per month. EFI will also cover the travel expenses in economy class as well as accommodation.

EFI offers international working environment and strong research network.

Deadline for applications: 31 March 2011

BEFORE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION PLEASE READ GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS BELOW.

Click here for the [Application Form](#)

APPLICATIONS should be submitted online.

If it is not possible for you to apply online please send your application to emi.pesonen@efi.int by email.

For further information, please contact: gert-jan.nabuurs@efi.int

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

How to apply

You are requested to fill in the application form and submit the required documents (CV, List of publications, Research plan and endorsement by your tutor) as attachments.

The online application can not be submitted **without the required documents**. Please have these ready to be attached before entering the link to fill in the application form.

Applications should be submitted online.

If it is not possible for you to apply online please send your application to:

emi.pesonen@efi.int
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The deadline of the application: **31 March 2011**

The successful applicants are selected on a competitive basis according to the selection criteria stated below.

Format of the Research Plan (to be appended to the application)

Please use the format below as applicable. The maximum length of the work plan is 6 pages (excluding cover page).

A. Cover Page

1. Technical Data
 - a. Project title
 - b. Date of preparation
 - c. Contact person's name, title/affiliation and contact information

B. Starting from page 2

1. Objective and outputs

- a. Objectives (approx. 1/2 page)
 - A clear specification of the main objectives of the project, including sub-objectives
- b. Output (approx. 1/2 page)
 - Expected technical outputs (reviewed and other publications and articles, reports, seminars, technical improvements, etc.) of the project
 - Expected technical, economic, social and other benefits of the project in a European context

2. Methodology (approx. 1 page)

- Main theories to be applied
- Main hypothesis to be tested
- Method(s) used for testing the hypothesis
- Improvements in relation to previous studies in the field
- Which data will be used and how will it be collected
- Improvements in relation to previous studies in the field

3. Work plan (approx. 2 1/2 pages)

- Main activities and their timetable
- Work plan of the part, which is intended to be conducted at EFI (aims, tasks, and timetable).
- Co-operating partners (if applicable)

4. Links to other relevant activities (approx. 1/2 page)

List here other recent or ongoing projects and activities of relevance to the proposed project.

Criteria

The following criteria are used in selecting successful candidates:

1. The relevance of the research topic for Europe
2. Multicountry applicability: i.e. the research addresses several countries or can be applied in several countries of Europe
3. The applicant's previous academic success
4. The overall quality of the research plan and the application, and the feasibility of the part of work planned to be carried out at EFI.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EFI UNITS CARRYING OUT R&D ACTIVITIES, AND THE TOPICS

1. Sustainability and climate change Programme (at Headquarters)

The unit conducts policy-relevant research, provides policy advice, and disseminates information on topics related to sustainability, forest resource assessments and climate change. Important topics are:

- 1) Forest resource projections under variable policy and management scenarios
- 2) Sustainability Impact Assessment in the forest - wood chain
- 3) Adaptation and mitigation strategies to respond to climate change
- 4) Bioenergy potentials from European forests, and other ecosystem goods and services.

2. Foresight and information Programme (HQ)

The unit carries out R&D on policy-relevant foresight and information applications, tools and methods. Development, maintenance, exchange and outreach of foresight-related value-added information is a core interest. Coordination of Information service, supported with platforms, software development, and expertise for information products and services are core functions as well.

3. Policy & Governance Programme (HQ)

The core activities are policy and governance analysis and research, policy advice and expert services. Capacity building for future policy research and advice as well as advocacy activities are part of the unit's activities as well. All activities presuppose networking, building strategic partnership with key forest policy processes, such as Forest Europe, and EU actions and policies. Recent and ongoing key activities include EU Forest Action plan evaluation, FOPER II project

4. FLEGT Facility (HQ)

The EU FLEGT Facility is a multi donor partnership formed to pursue the goal of enhancing forests' contribution to poverty reduction, sustainable economic development, and maintaining and enhancing environmental services in the countries which produce timber and timber products for export into the EU, under and in line with the EU FLEGT Action Plan. The purpose of the Facility is to assist the European Commission and the EU Member States in their joint effort to implement the EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan. A key feature of the Facility is to respond to the needs for support expressed by the EC in its annual expectations to EFI.

The Facility also carries out and commissions analytical work relevant to the strategic implementation of the Action plan, focusing in the fields of i) forest governance, ii) timber and timber product markets, iii) legality assurance systems and iv) cross-sectoral linkages and impacts of FLEGT implementation.

5. North European Regional Office EFINORD

EFINORD strengthens North European forest research and networking. The research in EFINORD has two main themes:

- 1) Biomass Production and Technology
- 2) Ecosystem Services,

with the three cross-cutting themes of Climate Change, Environmental Economics, and Governance and Policy.

6. Central-East European Regional Office EFICEEC

EFICEEC is the Central-East European Regional Office of the European Forest Institute. The aim of the EFICEEC is to foster forest and land-use policy and innovative and sustainable forest management practices through internationally recognized and practice-oriented research with a special focus on capacity building. Three work areas are foreseen: 1) Forest sector policy and economics, including innovation and sustainability research, 2) Land Use Change, with special regard to climate change and bio-energy, and 3) Forest Ecosystem Management, dealing with forest management under changing environmental and societal conditions with special focus on mountain forests.

7. Atlantic European Regional Office EFIATLANTIC

EFIATLANTIC research area concerns sustainability and risk management of intensively managed forests. Research activities will aim at improving knowledge, methodologies, tools, and expertise for: 1) evaluating and monitoring SFM indicators and risks; 2) adapting managed forests to future climates and markets; and 3) supporting policies in relation to plantation forestry.

EFIATLANTIC focuses its advocacy and networking activities on the Atlantic rim, but tools relevant at a larger scope such as expert database or register of forest models will stretch further.

8. Mediterranean Regional Office EFIMED

Science based information and networking are important components of EFIMED's work. It mostly concerns value and susceptibility of forest goods and services to current and new risks (especially fires) as well as on financing (economic and policy instruments) their sustainable provision is crucial. The main research topics for the scholarship are: 1) Understanding and assessing the socio-economic impact of fire and the post-fire costs, 2) Improved information on all Mediterranean forest goods and services, characterising their economic nature, and 3) Design, implementation and evaluation of appropriate combinations of policy instruments that aim at fostering the sustainable and socially optimal provision of both market and non-market forest goods and services.

9. Central European Regional Office and the Observatory for European Forests (EFICENT&OEF)

• Freiburg location

The main aims of this location are to promote and support national and transboundary research collaboration, networking of forest research and related institutions in the Central European region. Regional topics of high scientific and political relevance are identified and raised to a supranational level being consistent with EFI's strategic goals and research directions. The main area of work in EFICENT is the integrated and adaptive forest management issues.

• Nancy location

The Observatory for European Forests in Nancy supports the EFI particularly in establishing a research-related, demand-driven and policy-oriented forest information platform. The main objective of the OEF is to foster the linkages between information processes and policy decision making processes at national and pan-European level. The three main thematic areas of the OEF are: 1) Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management; 2) Information needs and policy decision support; and 3) Timber and socio-economics. In addition the OEF supports EFI in networking, research capacity building and advocacy activities. The OEF implements its activities at pan-European level.

