



Natural Resource Development Network

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Call for General Funding Applications Extended

To date there has been \$19,000 available for funding general requests (e.g., attending prioritized conferences – CRRF, ICRPS 2016, Niskamoon). An additional \$6,000 is now available to support general requests.

The next group of applications for General Funding have been extended and are now due April 27, 2018. Details regarding the application process for each category are provided in the [NRDN work plan](#). Questions and comments can be directed to NRDN team support [David Greaves](#).

Rural Water Infrastructure

This webinar takes place on Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, at 1:00 PM Central CST

Come celebrate World Water Day with the RPLC! This webinar will explore the important policy issue of rural water infrastructure, considering drinking water, wastewater, and storm water aspects. Three speakers will present diverse perspectives from across Canada. The first speaker, Sarah-Patricia Breen (University of Saskatchewan) will introduce to rural water infrastructure challenges, speaking generally to the challenges found across the country, and highlighting opportunities related to asset management, staff training, and collaborative action. The next speaker Gerry Lahey (Municipal Affairs and Environment, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador) will discuss ways in which the Province of

Newfoundland and Labrador address rural infrastructure challenges. The last speaker Paul Kraehling (University of Guelph) will discuss the importance of green infrastructure in relation to water in rural communities. This exciting panel will be moderated by Sarah Minnes (Memorial University of Newfoundland) and will allow ample time for facilitated discussion and questions.

To register for this webinar
click: <http://ow.ly/L6XI30ieTmc>

Panelists: Sarah Breen (University of Saskatchewan), Paul Kraehling (University of Guelph), and Gerry Lahey (Environmental Scientist, Nfld/Labrador Municipal Affairs & Env.)



Forestry Skills: Thinking Beyond Current Paradigms

This webinar takes place on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018, at 10:00 AM Central CST

Forestry is an important economic sector. For rural communities, forestry, and the related industries, play a significant role in community health and well-being, as well as influencing the health of the surrounding environment. However, achieving a sustained forestry workforce is recognized internationally as a complex challenge – including changes in the skills and size of the workforce. For example, increasing the human capital of the forest sectors is vital to ensuring the development of forest resources and safeguarding ecosystem services. Changing technology is important to planning and production, but is changing the skill sets demanded by employers. Provision of forestry specific higher education faces multiple challenges as student enrolment to forestry programmes declined over decades which is associated with negative perceptions of the land based

sector generally and a lack of awareness of forestry career options. This webinar focuses on workforce development within the forestry sector, presenting findings from research undertaken in the United Kingdom and Canada. You will hear the following presentations:

Dr. Philomena de Lima: 'Mapping and Repositioning Forestry Skills for the 21st Century'-Setting the Context for UK PhD Research.'

Sarah Pohlschneider: 'Thinking in silos, working in split roles – 'Policy impacts' on British forestry professionals' – selected results from a qualitative PhD project looking at skills and recruitment issues of the British forestry sector in the 21st century.

Sarah-Patricia Breen: Shifting, shortages, and shrinking(?): implications of technology and innovation on the forestry labour force'



Reflections on Rural Research

Rural Policy Learning Commons (RPLC) members share their experiences and insights on how rural research helps shape rural policy.



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