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## **Announcement for the selection of nr. 2 “Exchange Students” at the University of British Columbia (Canada) – Year 2016**

In the framework of the Student Mobility Agreement between the University of Padua and the University of British Columbia (Canada), the Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry (TESAF) launches an announcement for the selection of nr. 2 positions as “Exchange Students” at the University of British Columbia.

Application for the selection is reserved to students who – by the date of the contribution request and for the entire mobility period abroad – are enrolled in one of the following University of Padua courses:

*Laurea Triennale:*

- Riassetto del Territorio e Tutela del Paesaggio (RTTP)
- Tecnologie Forestali e Ambientali (TFA)

*Laurea Magistrale:*

- Scienze Forestali e Ambientali (SFA)
- Forest Science (FS)

Selected candidates will receive a contribution to travel expenses (travel and living costs, accommodation and other relevant expenses) incurred for studying (“Academic Exchange Students”) or thesis research (“Research Exchange Students”) carried out at the University of British Columbia in the forestry and rural territory scientific field.

Students mobility must last for a period of at least 3 months. For Academic Exchange Students, the mobility period will be during the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of the Academic Year 2017/2018, starting from September 2017. For Research Exchange Students, the mobility period can also be during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the Academic Year 2016/2017, starting from February 2017.

Fundings will be made available by the International Relations Office by using resources from the “Fondo per il sostegno dei giovani e per favorire la mobilità degli studenti” – L. 170/2003.

### **TERMS**

*Laurea Triennale:* application is reserved to students who have obtained at least 15 ECTS by the date of application. However, by the date of departure, students must have obtained at least 40 ECTS.

*Laurea Magistrale:* application is open to all students, regardless the number of ECTS obtained.

In order to be admitted to the University of British Columbia, Academic Exchange Students must hold an English proficiency certificate among the ones listed at the following link: <http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc->

[exchange/english-language-requirement-coming-ubc-exchange](#). Such provisions do not apply to students of *Laurea Magistrale* in Forest Science (FS). These students must ask for an attestation issued by the Department or the International Relations Office in order to demonstrate an English language proficiency level of at least B2 (CEFR).

Research Exchange Students must have an English language proficiency level of at least B2 (CEFR). It will be considered as a preferential requirement to have received one of the certificates listed in the above-mentioned link.

## APPLICATION

Along with the signed application form, students are required to enclose:

- a list of exams by the date of application (through self-certification in UNIWEB; students enrolled in *Laurea Magistrale* courses need also to include a self-certification of the *Laurea Triennale* degree, with exams list and grades);
- English proficiency certificate or other documents useful to attest the fulfillment of requirements of the University of British Columbia (see the section above);
- a motivation letter written in English and, for Academic Exchange Students, the programs of the courses to be attended at the University of British Columbia (check UBC website for more information about the courses);
- a declaration of their mobility tutor or their supervisor, stating the kind of activity to be carried out abroad and the mobility period;
- declaration from a Professor of the University of British Columbia confirming the supervision (for instance Acceptance Letter, e-mails, etc.).

The Selection Committee reserves the right to contact the candidates for an interview in order to verify the information provided within the application and the English proficiency declared.

## CONTRIBUTION

The contribution will be granted by the International Relations Office as a reimbursement, on presentation of original expenses documentation (such as flight tickets; **boarding cards must be attached**), till a maximum amount of € 2.400,00 per applicant.

Students who are awarded similar fundings granted for the same purpose in the same solar year are excluded.

## SELECTION

If the number of applications overtakes the number of Exchange Student positions available, assignment will be awarded on merit ranking criteria (i.e. average grades, number of acquired ECTS, English proficiency certificates and other documents submitted). The ranking will be published on the Department's website, as well as on the University's Official Register, at the following link: <http://protocollo.unipd.it/albo/albo.html>.

The list of selected students will be submitted to the University of British Columbia for an evaluation of the applications. The University of British Columbia will make the final admission decision regarding all incoming Exchange Students, via letter of invitation or acceptance letter.

Selected students must enrol at the University of British Columbia following rules and procedures provided by the University of British Columbia. More info are available at the following link: <http://students.ubc.ca/about/global/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-exchange>.

## ACCEPTANCE

Selected students will have to communicate their formal acceptance by e-mail to [gianluca.marchiori@unipd.it](mailto:gianluca.marchiori@unipd.it), no later than 3 days from the date of the publication of the ranking. If such deadline is not met, they will be excluded by the selection procedure.

In case of renouncement of one or more selected students, suitable candidates will be selected and proposed to the University of British Columbia, according to ranking.



## OTHER PROVISIONS

Before departure, selected students must submit a Learning Agreement to the Degree Course Teachers' Council for approval.

Upon arrival at the University of British Columbia, exchange students must ask the International Office for the issue of an arrival certificate. At the end of the mobility period, students must ask for a departure certificate (stating the duration of the mobility), the Transcript of Records and any other relevant documentation to present once back to the University of Padova.

Once back to Padova, exchange students must submit to the International Relations Office (via Roma 38, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) the following documents:

- the above mentioned original certificates issued by the University of British Columbia, stating the dates of beginning and end of the mobility period;
- original hard copies of flight tickets (and boarding passes), receipts of accommodation and other relevant expenses related to the mobility at UBC;
- bank account information (of which the student is holder or co-holder) for the reimbursement.

In addition, exchange students must submit to the Department a declaration of their tutor or supervisor, stating the activities carried out abroad, as well as any other document released by the University of British Columbia (such as Attendance Certificate or Transcript of Records).

Any academic credit earned at the University of British Columbia, where applicable, will be transferred back to the University of Padova after the completion of the mobility. Exchange Students must consult the Professors at the Degree Course Teachers' Council for the registration of exams held abroad, submitting the relevant documentation, as well as a brief report of the activities carried out.

With regards to the health care, Exchange Students are individually responsible for their insurance coverage.

## DEADLINE

The signed application form and enclosures have to be delivered at the Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1<sup>st</sup> stecca – no later than 15 December 2016, 1:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact: [gianluca.marchiori@unipd.it](mailto:gianluca.marchiori@unipd.it)

Legnaro (PD), 28 November 2016

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