

# The Swire Conservation Scholarship

## Graduate Studies in Forest Science and Conservation

### Apply for a Master's of Science Scholarship at an international university of your choice.

Applications are invited for the Swire Conservation Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. Successful applicants will be supported as they pursue a Masters of Science through research at a university of their choice. Programs of study can include, but are not limited to forest science, ecology, ecosystem studies, botany, entomology, silviculture, zoology, physiology and systematics.

### Strengthen conservation science and enable sustainable management of tropical forests in Papua New Guinea.

The objective of the Swire Conservation Scholarship is to strengthen capacity in conservation science and enable long-term sustainable management of tropical forests in Papua New Guinea. The scholarship intends to further the education of individuals of exceptional promise so as to develop leadership in forest science and management in Papua New Guinea.

### Supporting Partners

The scholarship has been established in collaboration by John Swire & Sons Pty Ltd, Steamships Trading Company, Smithsonian Global Earth Observatories/Center for Tropical Forest Science (SIGEO-CTFS), and the Binatang Research Centre, and is funded by the Swire Educational Trust.

### Who can apply?

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit. The scholarship is open to candidates who satisfy the following conditions:

- Applicant must be a citizen of Papua New Guinea.
- Applicant must have completed (by the end of 2012) undergraduate studies in biological sciences related to conservation and/or forest science.
- Applicant must demonstrate his or her commitment to conservation and the long-term sustainable management of the forests of Papua New Guinea.

### What's included?

- International postgraduate tuition fees for the approved course of study
- Stipend for relocation costs and living expenses
- Academic mentoring by renowned international scientists for the duration of the scholarship.

### Interested?

To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed Swire Conservation Scholarship Application Form (download at [www.ctfs.si.edu/sprs](http://www.ctfs.si.edu/sprs)).
- Academic transcripts for undergraduate studies.
- Personal statement detailing experience, research interests, and long-term goals (maximum two pages).
- Three confidential letters of reference to be sent directly from the referee to the address listed below.

Please send the completed application form and supporting documents to:

Liz Delaney Lobo at [lizdelaneylobo@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:lizdelaneylobo@fas.harvard.edu)

Informal inquiries should be directed to Liz Delaney Lobo at +1.617.496.1255 or [lizdelaneylobo@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:lizdelaneylobo@fas.harvard.edu)

**Deadline for application (closing date) is March 15, 2012.**





## About the supporting partners

### John Swire & Sons and Steamships

John Swire & Sons and Steamships Trading Company believe that a fundamental requirement for sustaining the value of tropical forests in the long-term, is improved scientific understanding of how these systems work and the benefits they provide. It is this belief that led to the establishment of the Swire PNG Rainforest Study (SPRS). SPRS included the establishment of a permanent 50ha research plot in the forests of Madang, PNG, along with the construction of the Swire Research Station and associated social development projects. In developing and implementing the project, JSS has worked closely with the international Centre for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) and the national Binatang Research Centre (BRC).

[www.swire.com.au/SPRS](http://www.swire.com.au/SPRS)

### Steamships Trading Company

Steamships Trading Company is a well established, diverse trading conglomerate, operating in Papua New Guinea for over 90 years. It is a publicly listed company, of which Swire has controlling interest.

[www.steamships.com.pg](http://www.steamships.com.pg)

### Centre for Tropical Forest Science

Centre for Tropical Forest Science The Smithsonian Institution Global Earth Observatories (SIGEO)/ Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) is a voluntary consortium of research institutions, forestry agencies, universities and NGOs responsible for managing and overseeing the long-term censuses of woody species on large plots in temperate and tropical forests across the world. This network of large-scale forest plots is uniquely positioned to enable scientists to measure long-term fluctuations in primary productivity of forests around the globe, to measure changes in the abundance and distribution of biological diversity, and to assess the impact of changing environmental conditions on forests of the world. SIGEO/CTFS consists of over 40 standardized, large-scale demographic tree plots established in 21 countries, which is monitoring more than 4.5 million trees of about 8,500 species. [www.ctfs.si.edu](http://www.ctfs.si.edu)

### Binatang Research Center (BRC)

Binatang Research Center (BRC) is a tertiary science and research academy that has been based in Madang, PNG since the 1990s. BRC is a national NGO devoted to advancing biological and biodiversity research and developing grassroots conservation programmes. [www.entu.cas.cz/png](http://www.entu.cas.cz/png)





# Application Form

Applications must be sent to:  
Liz Delaney Lobo  
Center for Tropical Forest Science  
lizdelaneylobo@fas.harvard.edu

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Tel: +1.617.496.1255 or email lizdelaneylobo@fas.harvard.edu

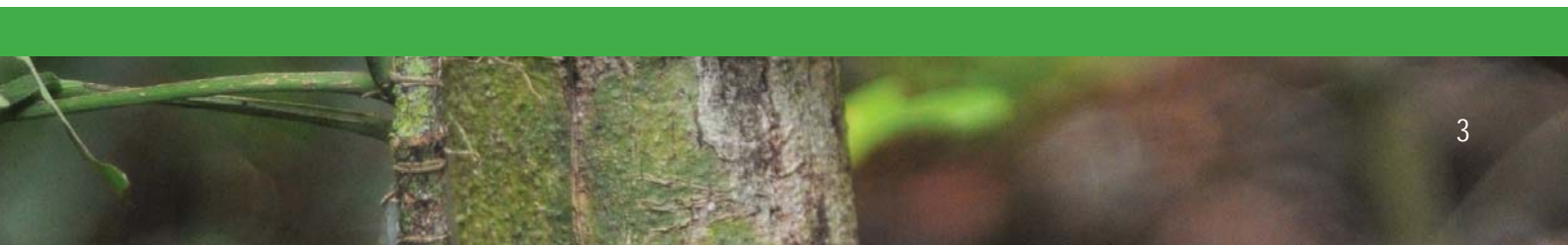
Academic merit, leadership potential and commitment to conservation are the main selection criteria. The Scholarship is open to candidates who satisfy the following conditions:

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- Applicant must have completed (by the end of 2012) undergraduate studies in biological sciences related to conservation and/or forest science.
- Applicant must demonstrate his or her commitment to conservation and the long-term sustainable management of the forests of Papua New Guinea.

In addition to satisfying the above conditions and having a sound academic performance, preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate the Swire qualities of integrity, continuity, humility and endeavour. Evidence of these qualities, attributes and achievements is essential to the application.

## Contact Details

Title, Family Name:	
Other Names:	
Home Address: & Postal Address (if different):	
Telephone:	Work/ Daytime:  Home:  Mobile:
Email Address:	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Citizenship:	





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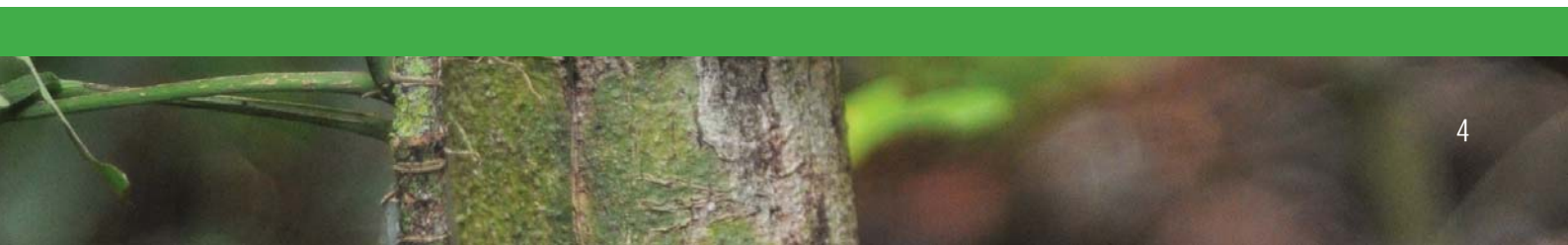
## Academic Qualifications

Please attach your official academic transcript/s giving complete details of your tertiary studies for all courses completed and/or in progress.

Degrees/ Diploma Awarded	Institution	Year/s	Grade
Courses in Progress	Institution	Year/s	Result Due

Please list your publications, awards, scholarships and other academic achievements.

Titles of Publications, Papers and Theses Submitted:	
Memberships, Distinctions, Awards and Prizes:	
Scholarships Held (past and present):	
Other Academic Achievements:	





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## Employment (Present & Past)

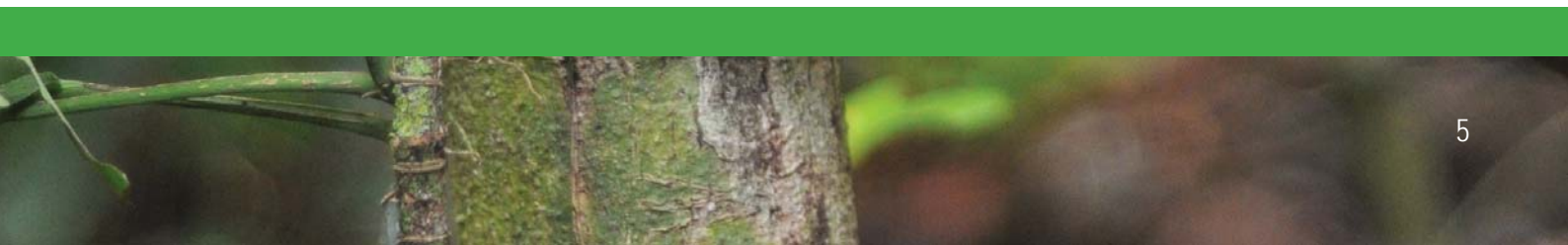
Please include any research work or experience relevant to your proposed course.

Name and Location of Employer	Position Held	Date of Employment

## International University Details

Note: this section is not compulsory, scholarship applicants do not need to have already applied to attend an International university.

What is the status of your application to attend an International university?	Accepted/ Pending (if accepted please provide a copy of your letter of offer)
Which School have you applied to?	
What course/degree have you applied for?	
In what area will your specialise?	
When do you propose to commence study?	





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## Additional Information

How did you become aware of the Swire Conservation Scholarships?

Internet:	
Newspaper Advertisement:	
University Advertising (eg. noticeboards, flyers, campus publications):	
Other (please provide details):	

## Checklist

Please ensure you have completed and provided the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Academic transcripts for undergraduate studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal statement detailing experience, research interests, and long-term goals (maximum two pages)
<input type="checkbox"/> Three confidential letters of reference to be sent directly from the referee to the address listed on the cover of the application form
<input type="checkbox"/> The completed and signed application form

## Signature

I declare that the information supplied for this Swire Conservation Scholarship application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I will notify the Scholarship Administrator as soon as possible, if and when any details provided change, including if I am awarded funding from another source.

Signature	Date

