



Government of Nepal  
Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation  
Department of Forests  
**Silviculture Division**  
Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal



## Call for Bachelor's and Master's Thesis Research Proposal

Department of Forests, Silviculture Division invites the proposal to accomplish the dissertation from the eligible students pursuing the final year of studies at Bachelor's or Master's levels. The topic of the research should be related to the following thematic areas.

- Sustainable/Scientific Forest Management
- Hill *Sal* Forest Management
- Pine (natural and planted) Forest Management
- *Terai* and *Churia* Forest Management
- Tree Improvement and Silvicultural Treatment/Systems
- Miscellaneous Issues: Invasive Species, Ecosystem Services, Climate Change, Institutional and Governance Issues in Forest Management.

Please apply with: 1) a page of cover letter including motivation for the proposed study; 2) a research proposal; 3) a recent CV; 4) digital copy of student's identity card; and 5) formal letter of support from the student supervisor, or head of affiliated institution.

The application must be submitted to the following address within Mangsir 15, 2074 (December 1, 2017). Both Electronic and /or manual submission is acceptable.

Short listed candidates will be called for presentation and final candidates will be selected on competitive basis. The applicants will be notified *via* email and the selected applicants should submit final report within the first week of *Asar* 2075 (third week of June 2018).

Detail information regarding the application procedure, format of the proposal, grant amount, evaluation criteria etc. is available on the webpage of DoF at [www.dof.gov.np](http://www.dof.gov.np).

### For Further Information

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- Hill Sal Forest Management;
- Pine (natural and planted) Forest Management;
- *Terai* and *Churia* Forest Management;
- Tree Improvement and Silvicultural Treatment/Systems;
- Miscellaneous Issues and Challenges: Invasive Species, Ecosystem Services, Climate Change, Institutional and Governance Issues in Forest Management.

Also, if you are not sure about the particular research topic within these thematic areas and would like us to provide some suggestions on potential research topics, you can contact us *via* email.

## Eligibility

- Should be at the final year of studies at Bachelor's or Master's levels.
- Hold Nepali citizenship.
- Proposed research site should be within Nepal.

## Grant information

- Grant for Bachelor's Thesis: NRs 50,000
- Grant for Master's Thesis: NRs 70,000

*Note: The allowance for the Research Supervisor and Co-supervisor (if applicable) should also be included within the grant amount.*

The grant will be provided in three installments.

- After the approval of proposal and research plan (50%).
- After completion of field visit, and submission of final report / Presentation at DoF (30%).
- After submission of thesis to DoF (20%).

## Proposal guideline

The proposal should be no more than 8-10 pages and should be in Times New Roman font with single spacing and font size of 12. It should include the following information.

- Title
- Introduction
  - Background
  - Literature review
  - Problem statement
  - Research questions
  - Hypothesis/hypotheses
- General and specific objectives
- Research methodology
  - Site description
  - Data collection methods
  - Statistical analysis (if any)
- Expected results
- Timeline
- Budget breakdown along with justification on the use of budget
- References

#### **Documents to be submitted**

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