



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **New diploma to degree agreement between Fleming College and University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry**

**City of Kawartha Lakes, ON (May 11, 2016)** – Graduates of Fleming College's Urban Forestry Technician (UFT) Co-op program now have the option of completing a Bachelor of Urban Forestry degree at University of British Columbia (UBC).

An agreement has been signed between UBC's Faculty of Forestry and the UFT program, which allows eligible graduates of the two year diploma program to finish their degree with three additional years of study at UBC.

"We are delighted that Fleming College's Urban Forestry Technician Co-op program saw value in partnering with UBC Forestry in this area. Our new program is already proving to be very attractive and, like our other undergraduate programs, would benefit from a flow of experienced students entering the program mid-stream. We look forward to developing this relationship, which will clearly be of benefit to the students that are involved," said John Innes, Dean of Forestry at UBC.

"UBC's Faculty of Forestry is highly-esteemed and respected. We are so pleased to announce this new partnership," said Linda Skilton, Principal of Frost Campus and Dean of the School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences. "More often, students are recognizing the benefits of diploma to degree pathways. They have become a popular option for our graduates, providing them with a unique combination of applied learning and theoretical knowledge."

UBC officially launched the [Bachelor of Urban Forestry](#) degree in September 2015 to meet the growing demand for urban forest managers and urban forest planners. The new degree program is the first of its kind in western Canada.

"Urban forestry jobs have grown and continue to grow across Canada, and the industry has expressed a need for urban forestry graduates who are qualified for entry-level positions but would also be eligible for management positions that may require degree completion," said Dean Skilton.

Fleming's [UFT program](#) is located at Fleming's Frost Campus in Lindsay, Ont. and is part of the college's renowned School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences. The program features a paid co-operative education component, providing students with real world experience.

UFT has existing 2+2 diploma-degree agreements with University of New Brunswick (UNB) and Lakehead University in which Fleming UFT graduates can complete a diploma and degree in as few as four years.

“In having these articulation agreements with UNB and Lakehead, it made sense to pursue an option on the west coast as well so that our students can choose from a variety of post-secondary options - each university degree is very different from the other,” said Tom Mikel, Coordinator of Fleming’s UFT program.

**About Fleming College**

Located in the heart of Central Ontario, Fleming College has campus locations in Peterborough, Lindsay, Cobourg and Haliburton. Named for famous Canadian inventor and engineer Sir Sandford Fleming, the college features more than 100 full-time programs in Arts and Heritage, Business, Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, General Arts and Science, Health and Wellness, Justice and Community Development, Skilled Trades and Technology, and Continuing Education. Fleming College has more than 5,800 full-time and 10,000 part-time students, and 68,000 alumni.

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