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CSPG Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT) 2017 Call for Submissions

The Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists (CSPG) will again be running the 2017 edition of the Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT) from **Sunday April 30, to Saturday May 13, 2017 in Calgary, Alberta**. The program is designed as an intense two-week introduction to the oil and gas industry, the geology of Western Canada, and to establish links between industry professionals and University students. Since its inception in 1977, SIFT has evolved from a simple 4-day field trip, to a full 2 week program that involves lectures and seminars, two field trips, visits to the ERCB core repository, and project work to test and reward the candidates.

We would like to welcome Geology or Geoscience students that are interested in participating in the 2017 SIFT program to apply. **A professor at your university has been identified as the CSPG's main contact.** Please submit all the required information to them. This person will go over all applicants, and submit 2-4 of the top applicants to us. It is our preferred method of communication to have all students apply through the professor in charge.

The committee is seeking candidates that satisfy the following criteria:

- Is a CSPG student member for the year they apply to attend SIFT. This can easily be done through the CSPG website and is Free of Charge for students.
- Is majoring in geology, earth science, or geoscience. Preference will be given to geologists, although students in related fields (i.e. geological engineers, geophysicists) may apply.
- Will have completed at least the 2nd year in their program by May 2017, as they will need knowledge from those courses to get the most out of the program - 3rd year students are most preferred. We will not be considering any students currently enrolled in a Master's program.
- Demonstrates an interest in some or all of sedimentology, stratigraphy, and structural geology, and how these relate to oil & gas exploration and petroleum geology.
- Must be available for the duration of the trip (i.e. no other commitments prior to May 13th, 2017, such as field school or job placements).

Please provide to your Professor the following:

- A brief resume highlighting your academic and work experience and interests.
- A cover letter to accompany the resume that describes why you would like to participate in SIFT 2017 and what you feel that you would gain from the trip (please no more than 1 page).
- A current academic transcript (official transcripts are not necessary – a clean copy will do) that indicates your post-secondary course history and grades, including the courses you are currently enrolled in the Winter semester.

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Submissions of nominations by professors will be accepted until Friday, January 27th, 2017. SIFT candidate nomination information and all related resumes, transcripts, and cover letters are preferred in .pdf form as they are the fastest, most reliable and easiest method for us to receive and collect. Upon receipt of all nominations, the SIFT Committee will select one student from each University and advise that student as well as your department of its decision by the end of the first week in March. **Unsuccessful candidates will not be contacted by the SIFT committee.**

The selected student will be contacted and asked to forward a non-refundable registration fee of \$157.50 made payable to the **Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists**, or submit this payment online by credit card through the CSPG website. The CSPG will cover all of the travel and accommodation expenses on the trip. However, the successful applicant will be responsible for 7 to 8 lunches, all evening meals, and any personal entertainment expenses. Each student will also be required to sign a letter of consent releasing the CSPG and its SIFT volunteers from any liability should an accident or injury occur. Upon being selected for SIFT, the student will be contacted directly by me and will receive a more detailed information package on what to bring to Calgary and what to expect from SIFT along with several forms to fill out.

The selected student is encouraged to make a presentation to his/her classmates upon returning to school following the trip. This is to provide other students with first-hand knowledge about the trip, as well as help us to promote SIFT and the CSPG to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to be exposed to the Society.

In previous years, the SIFT program has seen a wide variety of students pass through. We are trying to return to the original intent of SIFT, which was to introduce promising geoscience students to the Canadian oil and gas industry, and open up a world of opportunities to which they may have been previously unaware. SIFT is a unique concept, and there is no other program like it anywhere in the world that is run by a volunteer organization. We look forward to seeing high quality candidates from all universities, and hope to provide them with a memorable experience.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of SIFT, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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