

## Join the Land Reclamation International Graduate School Help Make A Difference In The World

Land reclamation professionals are increasingly in demand. Our growing human population parallels a rapidly degrading arable land base from urban sprawl, soil erosion, resource extraction and industrial development. Thus, one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century is to reclaim disturbed lands around the world to secure the livelihood of future generations. The Land Reclamation International Graduate School (LRIGS) is helping to meet this challenge.

LRIGS provides collaborative and interdisciplinary training and professional development opportunities to train highly qualified land and water reclamation professionals with the education and experience necessary to take on leadership roles in academia, consulting, government and industry. LRIGS is the first school of its kind in Canada and around the world.

Each academic year, the Land Reclamation International Graduate School provides a diversity of training and professional development opportunities. These activities include guest lectures, short courses, field trips, professional development modules, networking opportunities and a mentorship program.

LRIGS commenced in 2011 with funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). Post NSERC, LRIGS is broadening its mandate to include students in all levels of their training at the University of Alberta and to emphasize land and water reclamation. In 2019 we look forward to welcoming new participants to the program. Participants can be studying or conducting research in any area related to reclamation including biological, engineering, social and political sciences.

For more information on LRIGS go to https://lrigs.ualberta.ca/.

## **Apply**

The Land Reclamation International Graduate School invites applications from interested undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a land reclamation program or students and post-doctoral fellows conducting land and water reclamation research at the University of Alberta. Applicants can be working in the biological, physical, chemical and engineering sciences and in business, economics and the humanities in areas related to land and water reclamation. Students at any stage in their studies can apply.

To apply, email a short letter of interest and current curriculum vitae to the Director at Irigs@ualberta.ca. Your application should highlight your interest, education and/or experience related to land reclamation and your future career aspirations.

Applications from current or accepted University of Alberta students will be considered if:

- They are enrolled in a land reclamation degree program and are in good academic standing.
- They are conducting research that is directly related to land reclamation and they have their supervisor's approval. If the relevance of the research to land reclamation is in question, the application will be reviewed by the advisory committee and a final decision made.

Applications are accepted at any time of the year.

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