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CSPG Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT) 2022 Call for Submissions

The Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologist (CSPG) will again be running the 2022 edition of the Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT) from **Sunday, May 1st to Saturday, May 14th, 2022 in Calgary, Alberta**. The program is designed as an intensive 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 two-week program that involved lectures and seminars, two field trips, visits to the AER 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 2022 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 review all applicants and submit 2-3 applicants to us. You must have your application to your professor by no later than **Friday, December 10th** to send to the committee at sift@cspg.org.

It is our preferred method to have all students apply through the professor in charge and not directly to the organizing committee.

The committee is seeking candidates that satisfy the following criteria:

- Are a CSPG student member prior to applying to attend SIFT. This can easily be done through CSPG website and is offered **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) will be considered.
- Has completed at least their 2nd year in their program by May 2022. They must have taken an introductory course in sedimentary and/or structural geology.
- 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 14th, 2022, such as field school or job placement)

Students must provide the following to their Professor by December 10th:

- A resume highlighting your academic and work experience and interests that does not exceed two pages
 - *Should you be selected for SIFT, this will be forwarded to hiring companies if you indicate you are interested in the job program and you confirm eligibility and payment to SIFT by **Jan 28th**
- A cover letter to accompany the resume that describes why you would like to participate in SIFT 2022 and what you feel that you would gain from the trip (no more than one 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 this fall and winter semester.

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SIFT candidate nomination information and all related resumes, transcripts, and cover letters are preferred in **.pdf** format as **one combined document**. Upon receipt of all nominations, the SIFT committee will select 24 students from the nominations from universities across the country. The committee will advise the students selected as well as their departments of its decision by **January 21st**. **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 CSPG website. In order to be eligible for the SIFT job program, this payment and registration must be received by **Friday, January 28th, 2022**. The CSPG will cover all of the travel and accommodation expenses on the trip. However, the successful applicant will be responsible for a few lunches, most evening meals, and any other personal expenses. Each student will also be required to sign a letter of consent releasing the CSPG and it's SIFT volunteers from any liability should an accident or injury occur. Upon being selected for SIFT, the student will be contacted directly by the SIFT Committee 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 to open 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 us by email or phone, or through the SIFT email sift@cspg.org .

Key Dates:

SIFT May 1st-May 14th

Student application deadline Friday, December 10th

Professor Recommendation deadline Wednesday, January 5th

Student selection announcement Friday, January 21st

Student payment/forms to SIFT (job program eligibility) Friday, January 28th

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