

Dr. Perry S. Ong Fellowship Program



The Forest Foundation Philippines' Dr. Perry S. Ong Fellowship Program recognizes and supports individuals that promote, advance, and enhance the protection and conservation of Philippine forests and forest biodiversity through research, community work, advocacy, arts, and teaching.

This program recognizes and honors the life work of the late conservationist Doc Perry (d. March 2, 2019), who served as one of the founding Trustees of the Foundation, and played key leadership and governance roles in shaping the Foundation's commitment to protect and conserve the country's most critical forests. Doc Perry also served as a Professor and Dean at the College of Science of the University of the Philippines Diliman.



A self-described "field biologist with a serve the people mindset of *malasakit* and *pagkukusa*," Doc Perry was an expert on biodiversity conservation, Philippine wildlife, evolutionary ecology, and urban biodiversity. His work was in the conservation of the critically endangered Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) and the near threatened Philippine Tarsier (*Carlito syrichta*), and in the implementation of the Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Priority-setting Program, which named over 200 sites for integrated priority conservation.

The Fellowship Program will support like-minded Filipinos who pursue the same line of scientific inquiry and the advocacies of Doc Perry.

PROGRAM CATEGORIES

The Program supports three grant categories:



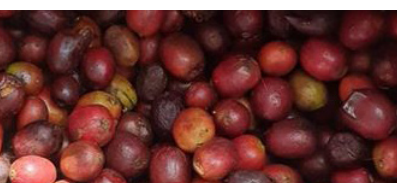
**Conservation Innovation
Champions**



**Conservation Research
Fellows**



**Conservation Arts
Fellows**





Conservation Innovation Champions

AMOUNT	Up to Php 1 million
DURATION	Must be implemented within 1 year
OUTPUT/S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools, technologies, and strategies to address a conservation problem • Speaking engagement/s • Published manuscript

The Conservation Innovation Champions solve forest conservation problems, advance the understanding of forests and forest biodiversity, and develop ways to address the urgent needs of forest-dependent communities.

The grant will enable the Champion to address a conservation problem, publish a manuscript, and deliver a talk to a broad audience, reflective of the action(s) that she/he has taken.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a Filipino citizen, residing in the Philippines
- Be a professional or practitioner connected to institutions or organizations within the field of forest conservation
- Have a strong commitment and motivation to use their studies and experience to benefit the Philippines' forests

BASIS FOR SELECTION

- Commitment to achieving conservation results for forests and forest biodiversity
- Continuing contributions to collaboratively address forest conservation problems
- Initiative and innovation in advocating forest conservation



Conservation Research Fellows

AMOUNT	Php 500,000 to Php 1 million
DURATION	Must be implemented within 1 year, with potential for extension
OUTPUT/S	<p>Any of the following:</p> <p>(1) Completion of graduate studies in the fields of biological sciences, with a clear link to forest conservation applications;</p> <p>(2) Field research conducted in any of the Foundation's focal landscapes, and where applicable, journal publication that generates knowledge on forests and forest biodiversity, including their health, medicinal, and economic benefits; or</p> <p>(3) Assistance in field research and collection-based research, and participation in knowledge exchanges.</p>

The Research Fellows will pursue continuing education in the field of biological sciences and enhance the work of forest conservation professionals in the academe and in non-government organizations (NGOs) by providing support for field research, collection-based research, and participation in knowledge exchanges.

Doc Perry's research interests included forest restoration, long-term ecological research plots, and habitats of the Philippine Eagle, Philippine Tarsier, and *Rafflesia consueloae*. He was recognized for his mentorship and support for researchers in the Institute of Biology of the University of the Philippines Diliman. The program's Fellows are expected to share Doc Perry's commitment to forest and forest biodiversity research.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a Filipino citizen, residing in the Philippines
- Be an enrolled student (MS, or PhD) in any of the State Universities and Colleges accredited by CHED as a Center of Development / Center of Excellence in the fields of Biological Science and Environmental Science
- Must satisfy the academic requirements / qualifications to undertake thesis, with an approved thesis outline / thesis proposal
- Must have the endorsement of the thesis adviser / advisory committee
- Have a strong commitment and motivation to use their studies and experience to benefit the Philippines' forests

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Conservation Arts Fellows

AMOUNT	Php 100,000 to Php 300,000
DURATION	Must be implemented within 1 year
OUTPUT/S	Art project or exhibition, which promotes forest and biodiversity conservation, in any of the various art forms (e.g., poetry, painting, sculpture, theater, music, dance, architecture, landscape architecture, social sculpture, etc.) reflective of modern and/or indigenous Philippine culture

The Arts Fellows are expected to create artworks and/or implement art initiatives that contribute to or advocate forest conservation.

In keeping with Doc Perry's interests in the arts, in addition to his profound body of conservation science work, the Program seeks to enhance and evaluate biodiversity conservation through the lens of art and design.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a Filipino citizen, residing in the Philippines
- Have previous creative work that promote forest and biodiversity conservation in any of the various art forms (e.g., poetry, painting, sculpture, theater, music, dance, architecture, landscape architecture, social sculpture, etc.), reflective of the modern and / or indigenous Philippine culture
- Have a strong commitment and motivation to use their studies and experience to benefit the Philippines' forests

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

1. Applicants must submit a project proposal online at <https://grants.forestfoundation.ph>, including the following forms as attachment:
3. Applicants who will be shortlisted will be notified and scheduled for a panel interview.

- Letter of Intent addressed to: Atty. Jose Andres Canivel, Executive Director, Forest Foundation Philippines
- Comprehensive Curriculum Vitae
- Record of Accomplishments / Projects Completed / Sample Work/s
- For Conservation Innovation and Research Fellows, at least 2 endorsement letters from recognized leaders or practitioners in the field of biology, forestry, and environmental science.

Additional requirements per category:

- For Conservation Research Fellows, approved thesis outline / thesis proposal and endorsement of thesis adviser / advisory committee.
 - For Conservation Arts Fellows, at least 2 endorsement letters from recognized leaders or practitioners in the field of culture and arts.
2. Applicants will be selected on merit of their project, including its potential contribution/s to the protection and conservation of the Philippines' forests.

RELEASE OF SUPPORT

The financial support shall be released by the Foundation to the respective individuals through a Grant Agreement.

EXTENSION OR RENEWAL OF SUPPORT

Approval of request for extension of the project duration will depend on the evaluation of the Foundation.

FEEDBACK

Updates on the application, selection, and awarding process will be posted on the website www.forestfoundation.ph



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About Forest Foundation Philippines

Founded in 2002, under two bilateral agreements between the governments of the United States of America and the Philippines, the Forest Foundation Philippines is a nonprofit organization that provides grants to organizations that empower the people to protect the forests.

Since its inception, the Forest Foundation Philippines has supported over 450 projects that improved the management of approximately 1.5 million hectares of forest lands, restored approximately 4,200 hectares of forests by reintroducing appropriate native species, established over 40 community-conserved areas, and built more than 60 community enterprises.

Guided by the Forest Foundation Philippines Program Plan 2017–2021, the Foundation has allocated Php 480 million to protect the country's most critical forest landscapes: Sierra Madre, Palawan, Samar and Leyte, Bukidnon, and Misamis Oriental.