



### Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education

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### Background

The joint taskforce is a collaboration between the International Union of Forest Research Organizations and the International Forestry Students Association (IUFRO-IFSA). The task force will have a two-year mandate from 2019-2021 and is a unique project, bringing together the different perspectives of the educational environment. Non-governmental organizations, researchers and students are working together to shape the future of forest education. We apply innovative methods and new ways to prepare for a bright future for the forest sector.

### Objectives

1. To promote and facilitate research and innovation around forest education, such as establishing a journal of forest education enhancing and enhancing research.
2. To foster international networking on forest education especially using modern online communication and social media applications, to promote participation and mobility within forest-related institutions.
3. To provide capacity building opportunities for students and young scientists in both generic and specific skills, in person and online.

## Task force's activities

Work package Title	Coordination	Activities
Growing the Forest Education Online Community of Practice	IFSA coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion and content creation for GFIS education pages</li> <li>• Development and implementation of a communication and outreach strategy</li> <li>• Increasing online presence for forest education content</li> </ul>
Research and publications	Deputy Coordinators (IFSA and IUFRO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility study of a Forest Education Journal and scientific journal</li> </ul>
Capacity Building and Emerging Skills	IUFRO - (Sandra Rodriguez and IFSA coordinator and deputy coordinator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building for students and young professionals on relevant competencies</li> <li>• Increase networking, and the sharing of scientific information, and trainings between the two organizations</li> <li>• Bring together educational activities and platforms focused on the importance of education</li> <li>• Collaborate with various scientific organizations to guide, develop, and implement trainings</li> </ul>

To learn more about the Joint task force on forest education and its activities, visit:

- Forest Education Taskforce: <https://www.iufro.org/science/task-forces/forest-education/>
- Global outlook on Forest Education blog: <https://foresteducation.wordpress.com/future-ideas/>
- Global Forest Information Service: [www.GFIS.net](http://www.GFIS.net)
- Twitter: Forest education forum @IUFRO\_IFSA\_JTF
- Best practices competition: <https://www.iufro.org/science/task-forces/forest-education/competition-best-practices-in-forest-education/>