



Al Martin HCTF Conservation Scholarships

The Al Martin HCTF Conservation Scholarships are for graduate students wishing to pursue a career in fish or wildlife management and conservation in British Columbia.

Al was born in Vancouver in 1952 and passed away suddenly in October of 2019. He was raised in Kamloops, Victoria, Uganda, and Prince George. He attended a boarding school in Enniskillen, Ireland and the University of Aberystwyth, Wales and UBC where he obtained his B.Sc. and was enrolled in the M.Sc. program at the renowned Institute of Animal Resource Ecology.

Al was a giant in the conservation community, and had an influential and lengthy career in fish and wildlife management and habitat conservation. He began his career in 1977 as a biologist in Penticton BC for the Fish and Wildlife Branch, moved to Cranbrook where he worked as a fisheries biologist for over a decade before moving to Victoria to hold several senior positions including Manager of Fisheries, Director of the Watershed Restoration Program, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Branch, Executive Director and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

After retiring from a 30-year career in the BC Public Service in 2010, Al actively continued to be a leader in the conservation and science-based management of BC's fish and wildlife. He was the Director of Strategic Initiatives for the BC Wildlife Federation and a Board Director with the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF).

Al's clear thinking, vision and integrity commanded the respect of his colleagues, conservationists, politicians, and bureaucrats at all levels of government. His greatest strength, besides his sense of humour, was his ability to think strategically with insights into the future few of us could contemplate. Al passionately worked to sustain fish and wildlife habitats and populations for the enjoyment of generations to come.

Level: Masters, Doctoral in a BC University

Program: Fish or Wildlife Management and or Conservation

Citizenship: Canadian/Permanent resident

Award: Up to seven \$10K fellowships to be awarded annually



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