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New student award cultivates Canada's next generation of conservation leaders
Waterfront Regeneration Trust fellowship provides students with hands-on learning opportunities
in Rouge National Urban Park in the Greater Toronto Area

Canada's next generation of conservation leaders are getting a helping hand thanks to the legacy of a community leader who helped to save and protect the Rouge Valley in the Greater Toronto Area.

Established in 2019, the **Pauline Browes Future Leaders Fellowship** aims to develop our country's next generation of environmental leaders who will build on her lifelong conservation legacy. Young leaders receive an opportunity to learn and participate in the protection and restoration of Rouge National Urban Park as part of Parks Canada's Resource Conservation Team over the course of a summer.

The Fellowship is awarded to the candidate that demonstrates a strong commitment to the environment and a passion for making a difference in their community. Successful candidates will learn more about the challenges involved in protecting and restoring an urban river valley as part of Canada's national parks system, and inspire a life-long appreciation for the Rouge's natural heritage.

This year's inaugural recipient of this newly-created fellowship is Mariah Ramlogan of Scarborough, Ont. who began working for Parks Canada in Rouge National Urban Park as a student in 2017. She's also a recent graduate of the University of Toronto Scarborough where she will be returning in the fall to pursue a Master's in Environmental Science. Ramlogan was also recently promoted from her student position within her Parks Canada team to Field Crew Lead for the remainder of this operational season.

"The Waterfront Regeneration Trust is proud to recognize Pauline's contribution to the protection and conservation of the Rouge Valley with this Fellowship. She's dedicated nearly four decades, first as a Member of Parliament and then as a community leader and advocate, to secure resources and consensus to ensure that the Rouge was recognized as a national treasure," says Keith Laushway, Chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. "Mariah's passion for Rouge National Urban Park and her appreciation for the Rouge's unique challenges and opportunities impressed our Board. Parks Canada is doing an outstanding job attracting and training talented and committed young leaders."

The Fellowship was established by the Board of Directors for the Waterfront Regeneration Trust to recognize the tremendous contributions that Browes has made throughout her lifetime to protect the Rouge Valley, and ultimately see it designated as Canada's first national urban park. The winning candidate will also deliver a presentation to the Waterfront Regeneration Trust's Board, write a blog for their website and produce a short video about working in Rouge National Urban Park.

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