



CEGA Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT) 2024 Call for Submissions

Unlock Your Dream: Explore the Majestic Rocky Mountains!
Are you a sedimentary geology enthusiast, or do you have a passion for sedimentology, stratigraphy, or structural geology? If you're free from April 28 to May 11, this is your chance to embark on an unforgettable geo-adventure!

See instructions below and send your applications to Dr. Alina Shchepetkina at ashchep@uwo.ca



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The Canadian Energy Geoscientist Association (CEGA) will again be running the 2024 edition of the Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT) from **Sunday, April 28th to Saturday, May 11th, 2024 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 involves 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 2024 SIFT program to apply. A professor at your university has been identified as the CEGA'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, October 27th to send to the committee at sift@cegeos.ca.

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 CEGA student member prior to applying to attend SIFT. This can easily be done through [CEGA website](http://cegeos.ca) 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 2024. 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 11th, 2024, such as field school or job placement).

Students must provide the following to their Professor by October 27th:

- 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.
- A cover letter to accompany the resume that describes why you would like to participate in SIFT 2024 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.

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 November 27th. 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 Energy Geoscientists Association or submit this payment online by credit card through the [CEGA website](#). In order to be eligible for the SIFT job program, this payment and registration must be received by Wednesday, December 6th, 2023. CEGA 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 CEGA 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 CEGA 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 energy 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@cegageos.ca.

Key Dates:

SIFT April 28th - May 11th (Must be available full duration of trip)

Student application deadline Friday, October 27th

Professor Recommendation deadline Friday, November 10th

Student selection announcement Monday November 27th

Student payment/forms to SIFT (job program eligibility) Wednesday December 6th

Sincerely,

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SIFT 2024 Student Candidate Video Instructions

To help the SIFT committee during the student selection process we would like to ask that you submit a 30-60 second video.

In your video, please address the following:

- a) Name, University, year and program
- b) What is your most memorable geoscientific experience?

We have deliberately chosen the second question to be open ended. There is no correct answer, only what your favourite experience to date has been. Maybe it was an outcrop on field school, maybe it was a thin section in the lab, maybe it was a family vacation where your passion for geology began. Feel free to interpret the question however you see fit. Please have fun with your submission video – we have attached an example of a submission from a previous SIFT student.

After you have recorded your video, please email it to sift@cegageos.ca.

Your email heading must read your university name – First and Last name (ie. U of A – Jenn Martin)
Please have the name of your video file match your email heading to ensure that your video may be filed appropriately.

Your video must be submitted by **November 10th, 2023** for your application to be considered!

Thank you for your application for the 2024 SIFT program, and best of luck during the selection process.

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