

KKEF YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST INTERNSHIP AWARD

Environmental Management and Research Association of Malaysia (ENSEARCH) is delighted to invite young Malaysians who are passionate about environmental management excellence to apply for the K.Kumarasivam Young Environmentalist Internship Award.

IR. K. KUMARASIVAM
(1932 – 2003)



One of the pioneers in the environmental
NGO movement in Malaysia

CONCEPT

This Award will provide the selected Intern with the opportunity to be placed at a reputable center of environmental management excellence in another country for a period of two weeks. All expenses related to travel, accommodation and allowance for living expenses will be covered.

Upon return, the candidate will be required to write a report on what he/she has gained from the internship and share his/her experience and findings in an ENSEARCH organized function.

ABOUT KKEF INTERNSHIP AWARD

The K. Kumarasivam Endowment Fund (KKEF) Award was created in 2004 to honour the memory of the late Ir. K. Kumarasivam, the founder of ENSEARCH. The KKEF was established to remember Ir. K. Kumarasivam's selfless and significant contributions to the improvement of the environment in Malaysia, and to perpetuate his spirit of innovation, creativity and leadership in tackling environmental problems in Malaysia. In recognition of his pioneering and significant contributions to the promotion of better environmental management in the country he was awarded the 1997 Langkawi Award, Malaysia's highest national tribute to its leading citizens in the field of environment.

The objectives of the KKEF award are:

- To provide opportunities for promising young scholars and professionals to learn from an educational tour or internship at a reputable center of environmental management excellence abroad.
- To provide a platform for Malaysians to be introduced to the innovative environmental management ideas and practices abroad, so that they may be inspired to find creative solutions and exercise creativity and leadership in environmental management in Malaysia

To-date, the K.Kumarasivam Young Environmentalist Internship Award, has successfully funded Interns at reputable centres for environmental management in countries like Germany, Australia, Thailand, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Indonesia and Philippines.

(<https://www.ensearch.org/kkef/host-institutions/>).



SELECTION CRITERIA

- Below 35 years old (at the time of application) as of 31st December 2026.
- The candidate must have a passion for the environment and the potential to transform this passion into effective action. The candidate should demonstrate leadership ability, creativity, and integrity.
- Must have at least 2 years of experience in an environmental related field — you may be a researcher, professional, civil servant, or entrepreneur.
- Submission of a detailed CV highlighting interests, leadership, and accomplishments in your field of expertise.
- Include at least two (2) professional referees.
- Submission of a type-written English essay (Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12) of not more than 1,000 words in PDF format, outlining your thoughts and ideas, based on personal experience, on current environmental issues/causes you are passionate about. Please refer to the Essay Format and Guidelines.
- Submission of a short video introduction (not more than 2 minutes), including your ideas and why you should be selected.
- Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Please submit all required materials to the KKEF Awards Committee by emailing soft copies to po@ensearch.org before **15 Aug 2026 (deadline)**, including the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- KKEF Essay
- Short Video Introduction (please provide the Google Drive link)

● DUE: 15 Aug 2026

Further details about ENSEARCH and the KKEF awards are available at www.ensearch.org/kkef/

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ESSAY SUBMISSION FORMAT AND GUIDELINES

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Essay format

1. Essay should be typed in Times New Roman font, size 12, 1.5 spacing.
2. The essay should be 1,000 words maximum.
3. Essay should be written in English.
4. Deadline for submission is **15th of Aug 2026 (deadline)**.

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Essay Content

Contents must be based on thoughts and ideas, based on your personal experience, of current environmental issues/causes that you are passionate about. Too much outsourced scholarly explanations are not recommended.

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Essay Guidelines

1. Your understanding of the environmental issues/aspects in general or one specific one that you are interested in or specialising. (200 words)
2. Your experience in dealing with these issues/aspects in the past and currently. (200 words)
3. What you would like to do under the internship to pursue your interest or passion mentioned above? Where would be the best place for you to undertake the internship? (400 words)
4. What way could you bring benefit to the nation as outcome of your internship? (200 words)

