

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.



ABOUT

The K. Kumarasivam Endowment Fund (KKEF) Award was created in 2004 to honour the memory of the late 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, India, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Indonesia and Philippines.

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



IR. K. KUMARASIVAM
(1932 – 2003)

One of the pioneers in the environmental NGO movement in Malaysia

“Promoting Awareness and Excellence in Environmental Management 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Below 35 years old (at the time of application) as of 31st December 2025.
2. The candidate will 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.
3. Must have at least 2 years of experience in environmental related field - you can be a researcher, professional, civil servant or entrepreneur.
4. Detailed CV highlighting interests, leadership and accomplishments in your field of expertise.
5. Include at least two (2) professional referees.
6. Submission of a type-written (Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12) English essay of not more than 1,000 words, with thoughts and ideas, based on your personal experience, of current environmental issues/causes that you are passionate about. Please refer to the ***Essay Format and Guidelines***.
7. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.

Please submit all of the materials as mentioned to the KKEF Awards Committee at;

- Lot 10-3, Petaling Utama Avenue, Jalan 1/50, Taman Petaling Utama, 46150 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

and /or

- email to ***po@ensearch.org*** before the **15th of August 2025**. Further details about ENSEARCH and the KKEF awards are available at ***www.ensearch.org/kkef/***

Tel: 0122828910





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 August 2025**.

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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)

