



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Bee City School/Campus Application Form

Western University

(School/College/University/Educational Institution)

Ontario

(Province/Territory)

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A) School Information:

School/College/University/Educational Institution Western University

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B) Applicant Information:

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D) Becoming a Bee School/Campus

Briefly summarize why your school/campus/educational institution should become a Bee City School/Campus (add/remove lines as needed).

Western University should become a Bee City Campus because of our commitment to increasing the awareness and presence of pollinators on our campus. Western University has the opportunity to become a successful Bee City Campus due to its sheer size, geographic location, and the natural environment that is present on and around campus. Western University's mission statement states that "Western creates, disseminates and applies knowledge for the benefit of society through excellence in teaching, research and scholarship. Our graduates will be global citizens whose education and leadership will serve the public good". Becoming a Bee City Campus would align with this mission statement and support the values of the University as a whole, where leadership and education are valued highly. Becoming a Bee City Campus would support this by premiering Western as a university paving the way for other universities to become more pollinator friendly and educating students and staff on the importance of pollinators. Western has the support, drive, and commitment required to become a Bee City Campus and looks forward to fostering a pollinator friendly campus, as well as community as a whole.

E) Commitments and Actions

In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools/Campuses:

1. Adopt this Bee City Canada Resolution.

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2. **Create a Bee City Working Group**, the team which will be responsible for the Bee City program at your school/campus. We recommend a committee of at least two teachers/instructors, two students and caretaking/facilities staff, where possible (expand/reduce table as needed).

Name	Role	Email address
Rachel Brown	Student	
Laura Pendlebury	Student	
Gabor Sass	Professor	
Michael Lunau	Head Landscaper	
Rebecca Ellis	Lecturer	
Marc Vanden Heuvel	Lead Landscape Operator	

3. **Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:** Outline any initiatives which aim to improve, maintain or create new habitat for pollinators. Examples could include planting a locally native pollinator garden at your school or in the local community. Describe your plans for habitat and include a plant list, if possible.

Western University is in the process of making many changes to its landscaping across campus. Over the next 5 years, many of the current garden plots and more manicured areas of campus will be changed. For the pollinators of campus, this is very exciting news as it provides the opportunity to integrate many of the plants that pollinators love into the Western landscape. Caretaking and facilities staff have already begun to integrate pollinator friendly plants into flower beds on campus. Some of the plants include, Ironweed, Liatris, and Joe Pye Weed. All of these plants are native to Ontario and provide pollinators with the food and shelter that they need to survive. In addition, a medicinal garden has been planted on campus with native and medicinal plants being grown and tended to by students in the indigenous studies department. The Western University campus spans over 422 acres and is home to an abundance of trees, many of which are very pollinator friendly. Such trees include, willow trees, maple trees, red buds, and apple trees. The Thames River winds its way across Western's campus, providing pollinators with ground nesting sites as well as much needed hydration. Western has a vast campus with different natural areas that will never be developed, such as the areas surrounding the Thames River, thus making it an ideal campus to promote pollinators.

4. **Promote Education about Pollinators:** Outline any initiatives aimed at educating students, staff, volunteers, parents and/or the local community about pollinators.

Initiatives aimed at education of pollinators includes education about pollinators through course curriculums, the 'Our Green Campus' lecture series, and through other resources by Western Sustainability such as online outlets (Twitter, Western Sustainability webpage, Facebook, etc.). Courses such as Ecology of Populations (Biology 3440), Animal Geographies (Geography 2156), and Global Agriculture and Food Systems (Geography 3445) discuss

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pollinators to students enrolled in these courses. Our Green Campus Lecture series 2018/2019 incorporates the theme of pollinators into one of its three segments where an expert comes to speak to students that enroll in the voluntary program about pollinators. The Our Green Campus lecture series also houses an interactive component where participants will receive hands on learning about pollinators on campus. This can include how to plant and care for native pollinator plants, how to build Bee Condos, and other ways to support pollinators on campus and within the community. Online communication/education surrounding pollinators is supported through green tips posted online to be accessed by anyone. Western is currently home to several bee hives that are operated under the supervision of campus catering where honey produced by honey bees is collected and used by catering services and is also sold on campus, promoting locally produces honey

5. **Celebrate Pollinators:** Tell us about how your school/campus will celebrate International Pollinator Week and/or participate in other pollinator-themed events.

International Pollinator Week unfortunately falls in the summer months when the majority of students on campus have gone home. Because of this, we have chosen to make our own Pollinator Week during the academic year so that we can involve as many students and staff as possible. Western's Pollinator Week will involve social media channels (twitter and facebook) where daily posts will highlight the pollinators that live and flourish on the Western campus and provide more opportunity to educate staff and students as well as the surrounding community. Sustainability Western will set up a booth in the University Community Centre (UCC) during the lunch hours when the foot traffic is the highest and host an interactive booth with information about campus pollinators, initiatives, as well as offering pollinator friendly products such as the honey that is harvested from the campus bee hives cared for by Great Hall Catering. Western University is a major employer in London, having such a landmark of the city declared a Bee Campus will hopefully encourage the City of London to continue to pursue Bee City classification.

F) Other Requirements

1. Publicly acknowledge receiving your Bee City designation through your website, social media and by displaying Bee City Canada signage in a prominent location.
2. Annually apply to renew your Bee City designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

G) Resolution and Signature

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THAT bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to land fragmentation, habitat loss, use of pesticides, industrialized agriculture, climate change and

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THAT bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to land fragmentation, habitat loss, use of pesticides, industrialized agriculture, climate change and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for the future health of flora and fauna; and

THAT schools, colleges, universities and learning institutions have the opportunity to take actions to support pollinators by creating healthy habitats within their grounds and the broader community; and

THAT supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement among school/campus community stewards; and

THAT staff be authorized to submit the Bee City Canada Application to designate (school/college/university/learning institution) as a Bee City School/Campus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT (school/college/university/learning institution) accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada Program.

Read, approved and adopted this

7th day of June, 2018.

Signature of Principal/President/Official: Lynn Logan

Please print Principal/President/Official's name: Lynn Logan

Submitted by: C Pendlebury Date: June 7, 2018

H) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. Your school/college/university/institution logo (png format) with any usage guidelines.

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