**CIEEM Postgraduate Student Project Award 2020 – Guidance for Applicants/Nominators**

*“Being a career changer is hard, so winning this was a big boost of reassurance that my decision to embark on a career within ecology was the right thing to do. Not to mention prove to employers that I have the capabilities to deliver award winning work!” Jacqueline Jobes winner of Postgraduate student project award 2016*

Have you recently graduated from your Masters Degree Course and received a high mark for your final dissertation? If so, we would encourage you to put forward your project for further recognition. Being shortlisted will be a fantastic way to show future employers you have the capability to produce award winning work and there is the added bonus for the winner of a £250 cheque. We also welcome nominations from project supervisors who consider their student has completed an outstanding project.

**What are the judges looking for?**

The winning project will demonstrate excellence in planning, undertaking and reporting of a Masters-level project in a relevant aspect of ecology or environmental management. Projects will be assessed against the following six criteria:

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| 1 | How the project positions the subject within the wider literature, showing an awareness of current understanding and debate |
| 2 | Discussion and arguments are informed by a well-defined and identifiable primary source base |
| 3 | The project shows an ability to offer informed and constructive analysis of source material |
| 4 | The project shows originality in interpretation and/or analysis of results |
| 5 | The project provides new evidence or information of relevance to ecology and environmental management in an applied context |
| 6 | How well the project is presented (e.g. structure, citations, bibliography, appendices), the standard of writing (e.g. style, punctuation, spelling and grammar), clear and concise abstract/summary and explanation of the methodology used, appropriate use of statistical analysis (if relevant) |

**Who is eligible to nominate/be nominated?**

Entries require the support of the student and project supervisor and can be initiated by either

Nominees may have completed their project whilst on a CIEEM-accredited degree programme, or been a CIEEM Student member whilst undertaking their project and still be a member of the Institute

The project or dissertation must have been undertaken in the 2018-19 academic year, 2019 calendar year or equivalent if a different academic system is used

**How do I make a nomination?**

 Return your completed nomination form and a copy of the dissertation by 30th November 2019.