

## Success Criteria for **Suzuki Fellowship Award for Excellence in Pre-Service Environmental Education** – 2023/2024

- **Personal Commitment to Environment** - 1 2 3 4 5 6

The candidate displays a personal commitment to the environment that is rooted in a deep ecological consciousness, using specific examples that demonstrate their environmental sensibility.

- **Application in Practicum and Other Teaching Experiences** - 1 2 3 4 5 6

The candidate describes specific examples in which they have infused environmental education into their practicum, or other informal teaching experiences. The examples described are directed at enhancing students' overall "systems thinking" about the environment.

- **Sensitivity to Children's Thinking and Learning** - 1 2 3 4 5 6

The candidate clearly considers and uses students' ideas, questions, and thinking to inform their practice. The candidate possesses and reflects on their personal philosophy about how students learn best.

- **Innovation** - 1 2 3 4 5 6

The candidate's application offers promising and innovative ideas about environmental education. The candidate stands out from the rest.

- **Importance of Indigenous Perspectives** - 1 2 3 4 5 6

The candidate demonstrates consideration for the importance of Indigenous perspectives in environmental and all education. The candidate carries out this commitment in a way that is uniquely meaningful to them, and in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation.

- **Professional Growth** - 1 2 3 4 5 6

The candidate clearly indicates a desire to continue to develop as an educator and learn about environmental inquiry, student engagement, and Indigenous perspectives. There is evidence that the candidate will benefit from and apply their experience during the Fellowship\* at the Lab School.

**Disclaimer\*: 2023-24 Suzuki Award winners will have an opportunity to participate in their choice of one or more virtual professional learning opportunities offered by Natural Curiosity, including webinars, online coaching, and virtual workshops. Natural Curiosity will work with the winning fellows to ensure they can visit the Lab School for a full-day tour at a future date. Natural Curiosity will continue to publicly recognize Suzuki Award winners and share their stories on our website and through our newsletter and social media.**