CONSENT FORM AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FOR MASTER OF FOREST CONSERVATION (MFC) PROGRAM

All students enrolled in the MFC Program are required to do an internship as well as various field activities as described in the various program materials and/or orientation meetings. This can involve traveling to and working in foreign countries including developing countries under different conditions of public or private health, sanitation, communication, infrastructure, politics and environment.

I understand that my participation in the MFC Program requires a minimum LEVEL OF FITNESS AND HEALTH (physical, mental and emotional) and I hereby WARRANT BEING PHYSICALLY FIT AND ABLE TO PARTICIPATE and understand that I am ASSUMING THOSE RISKS AND RESULTS which are part of these activities including the laws, customs, living conditions and health standards existing in the country/ies where I will travel and work.

The MFC Program does not provide any insurance coverage for participants. Students are responsible for maintaining OHIP or other provincial or international health insurance coverage at all times during the field camp and internship, and must provide details of coverage for private health/medical/travel insurance to the Faculty. The onus is on students to purchase sufficient cancellation insurance if deemed necessary. No insurance coverage is provided by the MFC Program for loss or damage to any personal property (e.g., clothing, cameras, computers, etc.) during the field camp or internship.

The Faculty reserves the right to suspend the field camp or internship component of the MFC program in the event of war or a change in the DFAIT (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Canadian government) warning status for any particular destination.

I, the UNDERSIGNED, hereby acknowledge that certain RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY LOSS are inherent to my participation in this program. Risks may be minor or serious and may result from my own actions or the actions or inactions of others, or a combination of both. I agree for myself, and my family, heirs and executors that THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO and its officers, employees, agents and assigns shall not be liable for any injury to my person or loss or damage to my personal property arising from or in any way resulting from my participation in the MFC Program UNLESS such injury, loss or damage is caused by the SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OR ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR ASSIGNS while acting within the scope of their duties.
Without limiting the generality of the above, this RELEASE FROM LIABILITY includes any ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, SICKNESS, CANCELLATION, DELAY, ALTERATION OR INCONVENIENCE suffered or incurred by me or any person in consequence of or in any way related to the MFC Program and my internship or while being transported from or to Canada, including any claims resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle of any kind.

I DECLARE HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS AND HEREBY CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE ACKNOWLEDGING ALL OF THE FOREGOING.

Student Name: (please print)  ________________________________

Signature:  ___________________________ Date:  ________________

Witness:  ___________________________