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The UAA and PG&E announce the Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) Scholarship Program

FOREST LAKE, MN—The Utility Arborist Association (UAA) announces the new Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) Scholarship Program funded by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

With the desire to advance the industry and promote the current and future workforce, UAA in cooperation with PG&E is offering scholarships to individuals living in California and bordering states. This new scholarship program will cover 100% of tuition for the UVM Certificate Program offered by the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point (UWSP). Questions about eligibility and requirements to apply for the Scholarship Program can be directed to info@uvmscholarships.org.

The UVM Certificate Program—designed by the UAA and Utility Vegetation Management Association (UVMA)—provides project-based training in six, 12-week courses meant to enhance the understanding and application of the industry's best practices in safety, integrated vegetation management (IVM), environmental stewardship, and sustainability. Participants also gain the knowledge and skills needed to plan and manage sustainable UVM program plans.

Recently, the UWSP has revamped and streamlined the UVM Certificate Program and offers courses three times each year in January, April, and September. No degree is required for participation in this program. Those who successfully complete the program will be awarded the UVM Certificate of Completion and will be eligible for the UAA Certified UVM Professional credential. The next offering starts September 28. For more information on the certificate program and how to apply, visit the [UWSP website here](#).

About the UAA

The UAA is an organization of more than 5,000 individuals with an interest in—and a commitment to—the maintenance of trees and other vegetation for the purposes of ensuring the safe and reliable distribution of energy, including electric, oil, and gas, to business and residences. Our mission is to drive excellence, innovation, and change through professional development, outreach, research, and the promotion of best practices. Learn more at www.gotouaa.org.