



Russell E. Train
Education for Nature Program

FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

➤ FRESHWATER

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR FRESHWATER CONSERVATION

Freshwater ecosystems provide immeasurable services and benefits supporting an abundance of life, including human life. The services these ecosystems provide range from food and water provision to flood protection to spiritual renewal. Despite growing awareness of the importance of healthy freshwater ecosystems, human actions continue to degrade the rivers, lakes, wetlands and aquifers upon which we depend.

Freshwater availability is a global concern. WWF is working across three main themes — habitat protection, water security and water stewardship — to improve freshwater conservation efforts. By 2025, WWF aims to measurably improve the sustainability of the world's major basins and their freshwater systems in order to maintain nature's diversity, strengthen climate resiliency and support human well-being.

Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year.

FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

To build local capacity in freshwater conservation in Asia, Africa and Latin America, WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) is offering fellowships to future conservation leaders to enable them to pursue graduate-level study (master's and PhD) in a freshwater-focused field. Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year.





APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1, 2016

FOCUS AREAS

The following are eligible fields of study for the freshwater fellowship.

- Water policy and governance (*including legal frameworks and enforcement, private sector engagement in governance; institutional arrangements; use of river basin report cards in policy*)
- Water pricing and economics (*including economic benefits of free-flowing rivers; impacts of PES schemes on water pricing; economic valuation of water*)
- Transboundary water resource management and governance (*including UN Watercourses Convention; role of global legal frameworks to fill local gaps; Ramsar Convention on Wetlands*)
- Mitigating the impacts of effluents and run-off of sediments and nutrients and other hydrological changes (*Green infrastructure vs grey infrastructure*)
- Behavior change and motivation to protect freshwater systems within a specific cultural context
- Scenarios and trade-offs in development planning and sustainable management of freshwater ecosystems
- Impacts of climate change on water use, freshwater ecosystems, water security, and water conflicts
- Impacts of water infrastructure development (*dams, levees, irrigation schemes, and others*) on freshwater ecosystems and species (*e.g. migration patterns*) and/or trade-offs with other ecosystem services
- Natural and nature-based flood risk management
- Methods for collecting and analyzing data and assessing and monitoring environmental health of water bodies and watersheds

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- Bolivia
- Cambodia
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Laos
- Nepal
- Paraguay
- Uganda
- Zambia

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- You must be a citizen and legal permanent resident of an eligible country.
- You must have at least two years of conservation-related work or research experience.
- You must have a demonstrated commitment to working in conservation in an eligible country.
- Your research or academic program must address one of the focus areas listed.
- You must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a master's or PhD program anywhere in the world.
- You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2017.
- You must commit to working for at least two years in your home country after the completion of your degree.
- You must not have received a Train Fellowship or Scholarship in the past.
- You must contact EFN if you are a WWF employee, consultant, or previous EFN grant recipient.
- You must submit all required documents by the application deadline.

Applicants can access the online application at www.worldwildlife.org/efn. The application deadline is **March 1, 2016. Interested applicants are invited to visit www.worldwildlife.org/efn for more information or email EFN at efn@wwfus.org.**