

# Russell E. Train Fellowship Program Program Guidelines for Malawi 2012-2013

Thank you for your interest in WWF's Education for Nature Program (EFN). Please read the following carefully to determine if you are eligible to apply for a Russell E. Train Fellowship through Education for Nature.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- You must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of Malawi.
- You must have at least two year's work experience in conservation activities.
- You must be enrolled, admitted or have applied to a graduate degree program (master's or PhD) at an institution of higher education by the application deadline and you must plan to begin your studies no later than one year after the application deadline.
- You must commit to working at least two years after the completion of your degree in your home country or another country in the region.
- You must NOT have received a Russell E. Train Scholarship or Fellowship in the past. Those who have received EFN Professional Development Grants may apply for a Train Fellowship.
- You must NOT be a current WWF employee, a long-term consultant to WWF, or an employee seconded to WWF from a government agency or other organization. Consultants on short-term contracts with WWF may be eligible. If you are working for WWF, it is strongly advised that you contact EFN in Washington, DC at <u>efn@wwfus.org</u> to make sure you are eligible before applying.

### WOMEN AND MINORITIES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

#### PRIORITY FIELDS

Your field of study must pertain to one of the following:

- Impacts of climate change on key economic sectors of Malawi.
- Assessment of community vulnerability to climate change and possible mitigation and adaptation measures in Malawi.
- Strategies for the sustainable utilization of wetlands.
- Potential impacts of renewable energy solutions on rural populations of Malawi.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Financial support for tuition, books, travel to and from the training institution, and room and board for an academic program for a maximum of US\$20,000 (per year) for up to two years;
- Limited costs for field research required by the academic institution to obtain the degree;
- Long-term professional development support through the EFN Alumni Program.

Because funds are limited, Train Fellows are encouraged to contribute to their educational expenses with personal or family funds when possible. In addition, EFN also strongly advises applicants to seek funding from other sources.

To apply for a fellowship please download the application at: <u>http://www.efnapplication.org</u>. If you have any questions, please email us at: <u>efn@wwfus.org</u>.

## The application deadline for Russell E. Train Scholarships and Fellowships is February 28, 2013

All applications must be received by this date. Applications sent after this date will not be considered.