



## **Russell E. Train Fellowships for Master's Degrees Nepal Guidelines 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.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- You must be a citizen of Nepal.
- You must have at least two years' work experience in conservation.
- You must commit to working in conservation at least two years after the completion of your degree in your home country or region.
- You must be enrolled in, admitted to or have applied to a graduate degree program (master's only) 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 may study in your home country or abroad.
- 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 or a long-term consultant to WWF. 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 [efn@wwfus.org](mailto:efn@wwfus.org) to make sure you are eligible before applying.

### **Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.**

### **PRIORITY FIELDS**

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

- A natural science discipline relevant to sustainable natural resource management, forest management, ecosystem services, REDD+ or biodiversity conservation in Nepal.
- A social science discipline relevant to sustainable economic development or community-based resource management in Nepal.
- Climate change impacts, climate resilience and/or climate adaptation.
- Your thesis should be focused in one of the following areas: critical ecosystems and endangered species conservation and management, community based natural resource management, forest carbon, payments for ecosystem services, climate change adaptation (monitoring, and/or vulnerability assessments), climate adaptation strategy and program development for key biodiversity, ecosystem and/or community targets (preferably taking an integrated ecosystem-people approach), or environmental policy and law, or gender and/or social inclusion in relation to one of the above fields, in the Terai Arc Landscape, Sacred Himalayan Landscape or Chitwan Annapurna Landscape in Nepal.

### **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: <http://www.efnapplication.org>. If you have any questions, please email us at: [efn@wwfus.org](mailto:efn@wwfus.org).

**The application deadline for the Fellowships is  
FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

**Applications sent after this date will not be considered.**