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2014 Russell E. Train Fellowship for Current & Aspiring Faculty

ENHANCING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR CONSERVATION IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA

Strong university faculty is fundamental for effective higher education. Faculty members inspire students, design curricula, promote learning, lead research, and publish scientific results. Through a new fellowship program, WWF will support individuals that are affiliated with or currently employed at African, Asian and Latin American universities to pursue doctoral degrees in social science, natural science and other conservation-related fields at any university around the world. After completing a degree, the individual must enhance, expand, or establish a graduate-level conservation program at a university in their home country. By doing so, EFN aims to improve the capacity of universities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and encourage future conservationists to study in their home countries.

FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

The primary objective of this fellowship program is to support doctoral degrees for individuals who will return to their home country to strengthen graduate-level conservation programs and ultimately increase local capacity for conservation education.

Eligible candidates include current and aspiring university faculty from:

- **Africa** (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Dem. Republic of Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Zambia);
- **Asia** (Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam); and
- **Latin America** (Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyanas, Honduras, Peru, Suriname)

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 academia in an eligible country.
- You must have an existing affiliation with a college or university in an eligible country. Priority will be given to individuals affiliated with underserved universities.
- You must have applied to, be admitted to, or are currently enrolled in a PhD program.
- You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2015.
- Contact EFN if you are a WWF employee, consultant or previous EFN grant recipient.

HOW TO APPLY

- Interested applicants are invited to complete an online application at: <https://worldwildlife.org/pages/faculty-fellowship-application>
- Applicants may apply for up to three years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year.
- Completed applications must be submitted by **February 28, 2014** to be considered.

Email questions to efn@wwfus.org.