BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CURRENT AND ASPIRING FACULTY

Strong university faculty is fundamental for effective higher education. Faculty members inspire students, design curricula, promote learning, lead research, and publish scientific results. In 2013, WWF’s Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) launched this fellowship opportunity with support from an anonymous donor with the goal of improving academic programs in conservation.

EFN is proud to continue to support current and aspiring university faculty 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. 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, WWF aims to improve the capacity of these local and regional universities and encourage future conservationists to study in their home countries.
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 be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a PhD program anywhere in the world.
- You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2017.
- You must commit to working at an academic institution for at least two years in your home country after the completion of your degree to enhance, expand, or establish a graduate-level conservation program.
- 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
March 1, 2016

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- Belize
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ecuador
- Fiji
- French Guiana
- Gabon
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Laos
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Papua
- New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Republic of Congo
- Solomon Islands
- Suriname
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Zambia

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.