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OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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USDA NATIONAL NEEDS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
THE RUBENSTEIN SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
at the University of Vermont

Full Fellowships for Master's Degrees
for Multicultural¹ Graduate Students in Forest and Ecosystem Health

GRADUATE STUDY AT THE RUBENSTEIN SCHOOL

The Rubenstein School is a multi-disciplinary academic unit that strives to integrate across the disciplines to create knowledge and develop solutions to a broad array of environmental issues. Faculty expertise includes forestry, wildlife biology, recreation management, environmental philosophy, sociology, policy, planning, economics, conflict resolution, and environmental sciences. In addition, interdisciplinary fields like ecological economics, ecological design, conservation biology, and ecological planning find their home in The Rubenstein School. With over 100 graduate students currently enrolled, the School is a vibrant place for learning about and conducting research on many of the pressing issues of our times.

OPPORTUNITIES

Multicultural Fellows will collaborate with and be taught by internationally-renowned faculty at UVM. They will join the "Forest Health Research Group" at UVM to pursue research on any of a range of topics related to healthy forested ecosystems in Vermont and elsewhere. Fellows will have access to a multi- and interdisciplinary faculty to build their Studies Committee and oversee the completion of their thesis research. Modern research facilities and sites that are part of the School include the Aiken Laboratories, the Spatial Analysis Laboratory (GIS applications), the Gund Institute of Ecological Economics, the Jericho and Wolcott Research Forests, and a network of University Natural Areas.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the fellowships, multicultural¹ candidates should be citizens or nationals of the United States as determined in accordance with Federal Law and have a strong interest in pursuing a career in forest and ecosystem health. Candidates should not have completed two semesters or equivalent hours of full-time graduate study or been previously enrolled in an academic program at the master's degree level.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

The fellowship will provide:

- 1) a full tuition scholarship for the two-year program (\$34,860)
- 2) two years of health insurance (\$3,792)
- 3) a two-year stipend of \$36,000 (\$18,000/year)
- 4) a cost of education allowance of \$2,500 put toward conference attendance and related experiential learning costs

HOW TO APPLY FOR FALL 2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

- 1) Completed applications must be submitted by 1 February 2010, including applications materials submitted to the Graduate College (see: <http://www.uvm.edu/~gradcoll/?Page=admissions.html>) and several short essays submitted to the Graduate Office of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 2) Please contact Carolyn Goodwin Kueffner (cgoodwin@uvm.edu, 802-656-2511) for instructions for these personal essays and for any other questions about the Fellowship.

¹ USDA definition: "*Multicultural* means the variety of interests, talents, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds of students that enhance the overall educational experience of all students."