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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 disparate 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 and be taught by internationally-renowned faculty at UVM and will be part of an academically stimulating environment characterized by seminars from leading scholars and practitioners in the field. Fellows will have access to a multi- and interdisciplinary faculty to both build their Studies Committee and oversee the completion of their thesis research.

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 2009, including applications materials submitted to the Graduate College (see: <http://www.uvm.edu/~gradcoll/appinstructions.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."