



RUSSELL E. TRAIN  
**EDUCATION  
FOR NATURE**

# Climate

## FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES



**WWF works with conservation, disaster management, sustainable development, and public health organizations.**

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**Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year.**

### **BUILDING CAPACITY IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE FOR CONSERVATION**

Changes in climate and extreme weather events have already begun to affect biodiversity across the globe. Climate change also magnifies the impacts of other threats like habitat destruction, overexploitation, and disease. The increasing number of weather-related disasters has profound consequences on the natural environment as people can cause unintended damage to ecosystems as they seek to rebuild their communities. From more frequent bleaching events affecting corals to increased water scarcity driving human-wildlife conflict, these trends will become more pronounced in years to come.

WWF is committed to helping the field of conservation adapt to climate change, while ensuring that communities and governments make environmentally responsible, climate-informed decisions in their efforts to build climate resilience. We work not only with conservationists, but with partners in many fields including disaster management, sustainable development and public health. Due to the rapid pace of change, conservation needs to increase the number of experts who understand how the climate is changing, how this change affects biodiversity, and what we can do to help both nature and people adapt.

### **FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW**

To build capacity among conservationists and those working in related fields, WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) is offering fellowships to emerging leaders who are able to make significant contributions to helping people and nature adapt to a changing climate.

## ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Ecuador
- ▶ Fiji
- ▶ Guatemala
- ▶ Madagascar
- ▶ Papua New Guinea
- ▶ Paraguay
- ▶ Solomon Islands
- ▶ Uganda
- ▶ Vietnam
- ▶ Zambia

## ▶ DEADLINE

**You must submit all required documents by the application deadline, March 1, 2017.**

## FOCUS AREAS

To quickly advance knowledge and expertise in the most urgent areas of need, successful candidates will focus their studies and research on one or more of the following areas:

- ▶ Climate science, climatology and climate modeling, particularly as it relates to conservation
- ▶ Climate change impacts on wildlife
- ▶ Impacts of human responses to climate change on biodiversity
- ▶ Ecological and social-ecological resilience to climate change
- ▶ Ecosystem-based adaptation and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction
- ▶ Adaptation for protected areas
- ▶ Environment and disaster management
- ▶ Natural and nature-based techniques to flood risk management
- ▶ Communicating climate science for conservation

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ You must be a citizen and legal permanent resident of an eligible country.
- ▶ You must have at least two years of work or research experience in conservation or a field with strong relationships to conservation such as sustainable development or disaster management.
- ▶ You must have a demonstrated commitment to either working in or contributing to conservation in an eligible country.
- ▶ Your research or academic program must address one of the focus areas listed.
- ▶ You must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a master's or PhD program anywhere in the world.
- ▶ You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2018.
- ▶ You must commit to working for at least two years in your home country after the completion of your degree.
- ▶ 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.



**Applicants can access the online application at [www.worldwildlife.org/efn](http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn). The application deadline is **March 1, 2017**. Interested applicants are invited to visit [www.worldwildlife.org/efn](http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn) for more information or email EFN at [efn@wwfus.org](mailto:efn@wwfus.org).**