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# Galápagos

## FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

### ▶ DEADLINE

You must submit all required documents by the application deadline, March 1, 2020.

### ▶ APPLY ONLINE

Applicants can access the online application and guidelines at [www.worldwildlife.org/projects/russell-e-train-fellowships](http://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/russell-e-train-fellowships). Applicants may apply in Spanish or English.

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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 THE GALÁPAGOS

The Galápagos Islands are home to astonishing marine and terrestrial biodiversity, and for over 50 years, WWF has been dedicated to protecting it. Today, conservation challenges are becoming increasingly more complex. Impacts from climate change, invasive species, pollution, and other forces are escalating faster than ever before, threatening the islands' iconic and rare species. In this changing world, we need dedicated individuals with the skills and knowledge to take on these local and global challenges.

### FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

To build local capacity in the Galápagos, WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) in partnership with Celebrity Cruises, is offering fellowships to female conservationists to enable them to pursue graduate level study (master's and PhD) with the goal of advancing marine conservation in the Galápagos Islands.



## SELECTION PROCESS

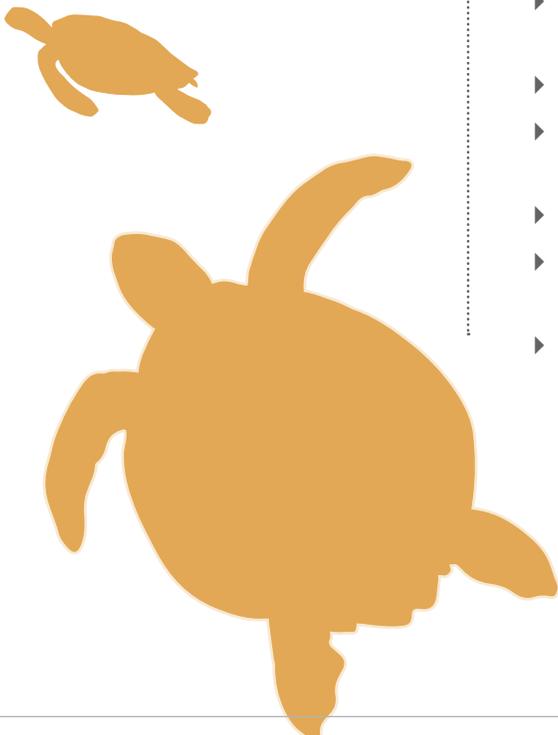
Train Fellows are selected through a competitive, merit-based process. An independent, interdisciplinary panel of experts will be convened to review applications and to identify the top candidates based on the following criteria:

- ▶ Professional qualifications
- ▶ Demonstrated leadership
- ▶ Academic achievement
- ▶ Commitment to conservation in the Galápagos
- ▶ Potential impact of proposed research on conservation in the Galápagos

## MORE INFORMATION

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Interested applicants are invited to email EFN at [efn@wwfus.org](mailto:efn@wwfus.org) for more information.



## FOCUS AREAS

The following are eligible fields of study for the Galápagos fellowship. All research must directly relate to marine conservation in the Galápagos.

- ▶ Coastal habitat conservation (coral reefs and mangroves)
- ▶ Marine and terrestrial species conservation
- ▶ Invasive species mitigation and eradication
- ▶ Sustainable fisheries management
- ▶ Participatory management of Galápagos protected areas
- ▶ Marine spatial planning
- ▶ Human wellbeing and sustainable economic development
- ▶ Island conservation issues
- ▶ Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- ▶ Sustainable natural resource management
- ▶ Sustainable tourism
- ▶ Food security and sustainable agricultural development

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ You must identify as a woman.
- ▶ You must be a citizen of Ecuador. Preference is given to legal permanent residents of the Galápagos.
- ▶ You must have at least two years of conservation-related work or research experience.
- ▶ You must have a demonstrated commitment to working in marine conservation in the Galápagos.
- ▶ 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 2021.
- ▶ You must commit to returning to and working for at least two years in the Galápagos 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.