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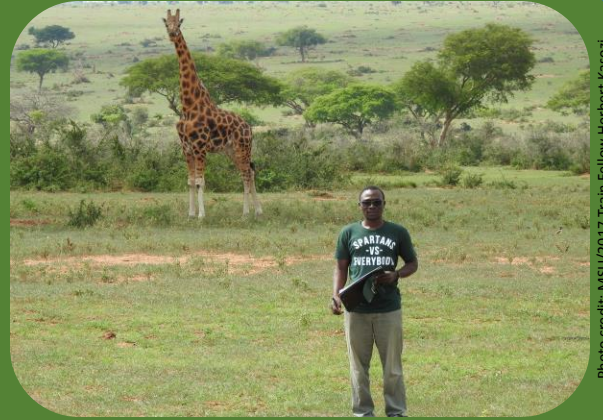


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Russell E. Train Fellowship for Ugandan Wildlife Conservation Leaders

▶ DEADLINE

You must submit all required documents by the application deadline: March 1, 2019

▶ APPLY ONLINE

Applicants can access the online application and guidelines at www.worldwildlife.org/efn

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Conflict between people and animals is one of the main threats to the continued survival of many species in different parts of the world. As human populations expand, and natural habitats shrink, people and animals are increasingly coming into conflict over living space and food.

To understand the various dimensions of human-wildlife conflict and coexistence, Michigan State University (MSU) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) are partnering to involve, empower and prepare current and aspiring wildlife conservation leaders from Uganda to gain the skills and knowledge needed to take on the complex challenges facing their communities.

For 25 years, WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN), named in honor of WWF Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Russ Train, has been investing in bright and passionate individuals from across Africa, Asia and Latin America to ensure they reach their potential as conservation leaders by providing support for graduate studies and short-term training courses. Since the program began in 1994, EFN has supported 1,900 conservation leaders from 60 countries.

MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources houses the Research on the Ecology of Carnivores and their Prey (RECaP) Laboratory. The RECaP Lab's missions are to research compelling aspects of animal ecology that have relevance to wildlife conservation and train current and aspiring conservation leaders from key geographies, including Uganda. MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is consistently ranked as a leading college in the field.

With support from a generous donor, WWF will support at least one student from Uganda to pursue a doctoral degree in wildlife conservation at MSU. Under the direct supervision of Professor Robert Montgomery, Director of the RECaP Lab, the student(s) will become part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' RECaP Lab and engage in research relevant to the lab's mission.

▶ SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates 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:

- Demonstrated leadership
- Potential impact of proposed research
- Commitment to conservation education in home country
- Academic achievement
- Professional qualifications

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for this opportunity, candidates must:

- Be a citizen and legal permanent resident of Uganda.
- Have applied or are admitted to a PhD at MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. (Please note that a fellowship award is dependent on admission to MSU).
- Conduct research intending to develop sustainable solutions for elephant crop-raiding.
- Plan to begin your studies no later than January 2020.
- Have at least two years of conservation-related work or research experience.
- Have a demonstrated commitment to working long-term in conservation in Uganda.
- Commit to returning to Uganda and working for at least two years in conservation upon completion of your degree.
- Have not received a Train Fellowship or Scholarship in the past.
- Contact EFN if you are a WWF employee, consultant, or previous EFN grant recipient.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants can access the online application at worldwildlife.org/efn.
- Completed applications and all required documents must be submitted by the application deadline (March 1, 2019).
- For questions, email EFN at efn@wwfus.org.



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