



RUSSELL E. TRAIN  
**EDUCATION  
FOR NATURE**

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# Faculty

## 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 English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese.

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### BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CURRENT AND ASPIRING UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Strong university faculty is fundamental for effective higher education. Faculty members inspire students, design curricula, promote learning, lead research, and publish scientific results. In 2013, WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) launched this fellowship opportunity with support from an anonymous donor with the goal of improving academic programs in conservation.

This year, we are proud to offer this opportunity again to support current and aspiring university faculty that are affiliated with or currently employed at African, Asian and Latin American universities to pursue doctoral degrees in social science, natural science and other conservation-related fields. After completing a degree, the individual must enhance, expand, or establish a graduate-level conservation program at a university in their home country. By doing so, WWF aims to improve the capacity of these local and regional universities and encourage future conservationists to study in their home countries.

### FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

To build local capacity in Asia, Africa and Latin America, EFN is offering fellowships to current and aspiring faculty members to enable them to pursue their PhD. Applicants may apply for up to three years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year.

## 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 education in home country or region
- ▶ Potential impact of proposed research

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ You must be a citizen and legal permanent resident of an eligible country.
- ▶ You must have at least two years of conservation-related work or research experience.
- ▶ You must have a demonstrated commitment to working in academia in an eligible country.
- ▶ You must have an existing affiliation with a college or university in an eligible country. Priority will be given to individuals affiliated with underserved universities.
- ▶ You must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a PhD program anywhere in the world.
- ▶ You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2021.
- ▶ 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.

## ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- ▶ Belize
- ▶ Bhutan
- ▶ Bolivia
- ▶ Cambodia
- ▶ Cameroon
- ▶ Central African Republic
- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Democratic Republic of Congo
- ▶ Ecuador
- ▶ Fiji
- ▶ French Guiana
- ▶ Gabon
- ▶ Guatemala
- ▶ Guyana
- ▶ Honduras
- ▶ Indonesia
- ▶ Kenya
- ▶ Laos
- ▶ Madagascar
- ▶ Malaysia
- ▶ Mozambique
- ▶ Myanmar
- ▶ Namibia
- ▶ Nepal
- ▶ Papua New Guinea
- ▶ Paraguay
- ▶ Peru
- ▶ Republic of Congo
- ▶ Solomon Islands
- ▶ Suriname
- ▶ Uganda
- ▶ Vietnam
- ▶ Zambia



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