



RUSSELL E. TRAIN
**EDUCATION
FOR NATURE**

ENHANCING CONSERVATION SCIENCE CAPACITY AND LEADERSHIP

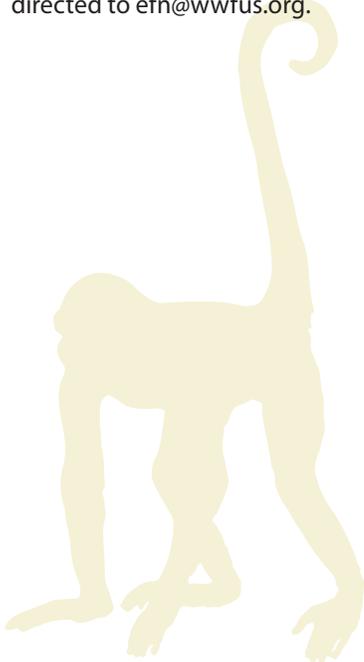
HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICTS IN UGANDA

Global human-wildlife conflicts (HWC) are increasing as people and wildlife compete for resources in coupled human and natural systems globally. These conflicts can be costly to human wellbeing and detrimental to the survival of wildlife. Strengthening scientific understanding of HWC through interdisciplinarity and collaboration is fundamental in collectively developing solutions to sustainably manage and reduce conflicts while promoting coexistence.

Now in its 29th year, WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) has endured its long-time legacy to provide financial support to local leaders and institutions to enhance their education, scientific research, and conservation actions to steward their own natural resources.

With support from Gerald A. & Karen A. Kolschowsky Foundation, this master's fellowship aims to deliver on WWF's long-standing commitment in supporting conservation leaders and scientists to enhance capacity in-country. Applications are invited from individuals aiming to pursue graduate-level studies (master's degree) with a research focus on developing solutions for human-elephant conflict around the northern border of Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda. The individual selected for this master's fellowship will join a research team led by Dr. Robert Montgomery (Associate Professor of Biodiversity and Sustainability at the University of Oxford, UK) and Dr. Tutilo Mudumba (Founder and Director, Snares to Wares Initiative).

Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding and request up to \$15,000 per year. The amount of funding approved will vary. Accepted applicants will be notified by early May 2024. Any questions about the application process or program should be directed to efn@wwfus.org.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible.

- ▶ You must be a citizen and legal permanent resident of Uganda.
- ▶ You must have at least two years of conservation-related work or research experience.
- ▶ You must have a demonstrated commitment to working in conservation.
- ▶ You must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a master's program at an accredited institution of study in Uganda and have already attained a bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline (i.e., biology, ecology, conservation, zoology, geography).
- ▶ You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2025.
- ▶ You must contact EFN if you are a WWF employee, consultant, or previous EFN grant recipient to determine eligibility.
- ▶ You must submit all required documents by the application deadline (December 18, 2023).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

December 18, 2023 by 11:59 PM US Eastern Time

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please e-mail EFN at efn@wwfus.org or visit the WWF-US website for more information.

SELECTION CRITERIA

This fellowship aims to bridge academic excellence and conservation research to provide hands-on experiences and learning opportunities. The proposed research topics may cover a wide range of themes. Finalists will be identified through a competitive selection process and scored based on a set of criteria including, but not limited to the following areas:

- ▶ Academic and professional contributions/potential: Applicant's commitment to their academic and professional development.
- ▶ Strength and quality of the research proposal: uniqueness of proposed topic, relevance, and detailed plan of action. The proposed work demonstrates an understanding of the rationale on human-wildlife conflicts. The proposed research work highlights the intent to explore solutions at the interface of climate, conservation, people, and sustainable development; the proposed activities are feasible within the proposed work plan and realistic budget.
- ▶ Individual and collective impact: The applicant's ability to succeed in conservation research and leadership; short and long-term impacts as well as lasting conservation outcomes beyond proposed academic/research timeframe. The proposed work aims to engage diverse stakeholders, including gender mainstreaming and involvement of local and indigenous communities. The applicant demonstrates potential to build partnerships and active engagement with local communities, academic, research and practitioners.
- ▶ Project measurability: The proposed research has measurable outcomes and outputs.
- ▶ Collaborations: The applicant's demonstrated potential to enhance partnerships beyond the proposed objectives and timeframe.
- ▶ Recommendation letters: The applicant meets the specific criteria for the fellowship with specific examples which demonstrate the applicant's abilities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The call for applications will close on December 18, 2023 by 11:59 PM US Eastern Time. An overview of the grant timeline is below. The application is available [here](#).

- ▶ December 18, 2023: Deadline for submissions of applications in the portal
- ▶ January-March 2024: Selection process
- ▶ April 2024: Successful applicants informed
- ▶ June-July 2024: Contracts signed, and grants issued

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants can access the online application and guidelines at www.worldwildlife.org/efn. Applicants may apply in English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese. The application deadline is December 18, 2023 by 11:59 PM US Eastern Time.