



RUSSELL E. TRAIN
**EDUCATION
FOR NATURE**

FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

Faculty

Enhancing Capacity for Current and Aspiring University Faculty

While progress has been made to address the shortfall of adequate expertise at higher education in many countries, locally-led and relevant solutions are still needed to recruit, retain, scale, and sustain academic and research expertise at institutional and country level.

WWF's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) provides funding support to current and aspiring university faculty that are affiliated with or currently employed at African, Asian, and Latin American and Caribbean universities. This opportunity is for doctoral degree study in natural and social science and other conservation-related fields. Strong university faculty is fundamental for effective exchange of knowledge, expertise and skills, and leadership. Faculty members inspire and mentor students, design curricula, promote learning and idea sharing, lead and collaborate on research, and disseminate scientific outcomes.

WWF Train Fellows must enhance, expand, or support the development of intergenerational scientific expertise at a university in their home country or region. In doing so, WWF aims to improve the capacity of local and regional faculty to activate the training of current and future conservation leaders, leading to more equitable and accessible conservation science and leadership capacities for the benefit of people and nature. Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year. The amount of funding will vary. Accepted applicants will be notified by early May 2023.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

This fellowship is open to nationals of eligible countries within WWF-US priority areas.

- ▶ Belize
- ▶ Bhutan
- ▶ Bolivia
- ▶ Brazil
- ▶ Cambodia
- ▶ Cameroon
- ▶ Central African Republic
- ▶ Chile
- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Dem. Republic of Congo
- ▶ Ecuador
- ▶ French Guiana
- ▶ Gabon
- ▶ Guatemala
- ▶ Guyana
- ▶ Honduras
- ▶ Indonesia
- ▶ Kenya
- ▶ Laos
- ▶ Madagascar
- ▶ Malaysia
- ▶ Mozambique
- ▶ Myanmar
- ▶ Namibia
- ▶ Nepal
- ▶ Paraguay
- ▶ Peru
- ▶ Republic of Congo
- ▶ Suriname
- ▶ Tanzania
- ▶ Uganda
- ▶ Vietnam

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- ▶ 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 an existing affiliation with a college or university in an eligible country and demonstrate collaboration and strategic partnership with country and/or regional institutions. Priority will be given to individuals affiliated with underserved universities.
- ▶ You must have a demonstrated commitment to working in academia in an eligible country; Commitment to providing targeted mentorship and guidance to early career conservation leaders and scientists.
- ▶ You must be enrolled in or admitted to a PhD program anywhere in the world.
- ▶ You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2024.
- ▶ 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 (February 1, 2023).

FOCUS AREAS

To develop locally led evidence-based, innovative, and interdisciplinary research, the types of proposals WWF is open to may cover for following areas/themes, but examples are not limited to this list:

- ▶ Focus on conservation of biodiversity and habitats
- ▶ Focus on why the proposed work is needed at local, national, and regional level
- ▶ Emphasis on gender dimensions, equity, and inclusion
- ▶ Build on partnership and active engagement with local communities, academic, research and practitioners
- ▶ Consider human dimensions in conservation: community-based conservation and science, emphasize on enhancing local expertise, skills and knowledge

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 February 1, 2023 by 11:59 ET.