



Russell E. Train  
Education for Nature Program

# FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

## ➤ WILDLIFE

### **BUILDING CAPACITY IN WILDLIFE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Defaunation – the loss of both species and populations of wildlife – is contributing to the sixth mass extinction event in Earth’s history. Among vertebrates, populations have declined by 52% in fewer than two human generations, and up to one-third of all vertebrates are now threatened with extinction. The consequences of global defaunation are comparable in scale and impact to those of other, large-scale global stressors such as pollution, ozone depletion, nutrient deposition, and global warming. The loss of wildlife species has major implications for the functioning and stability of ecosystems, as well as for the countless values and benefits that people derive from wildlife.

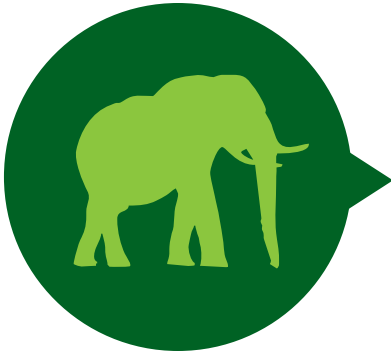
As part of its efforts to stem defaunation, WWF is committed to ensuring that populations of the world’s most ecologically, economically and culturally important species are restored and thriving in the wild by 2020. To achieve this, WWF focuses on a defined set of species representing those that are flagships for global conservation efforts, as well as those that are highly impacted by the expanding human footprint.

**Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding and request up to \$30,000 per year.**

### **FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW**

To build local capacity in wildlife conservation in Asia and Africa, WWF’s Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) is offering fellowships to future conservation leaders to enable them to pursue graduate-level study (master’s and PhD) in a wildlife-focused field.





## APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1, 2016

## FOCUS AREAS

The following are eligible fields of study for the wildlife fellowship.

Note that all topics must address the conservation of at least one WWF focal species. A list of WWF focal species can be found at [http://wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/endangered\\_species/](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/endangered_species/).

- Ecology and conservation of WWF focal species (*especially of rhinos, elephants, and tigers*)
- Illegal wildlife trade at local/regional scales (*including issues of supply, demand, and enforcement*)
- Community-based conservation for WWF focal species
- Human-wildlife conflict
- Economic valuation of wildlife (*including estimating the financial costs and benefits of conservation*)
- Human dimensions of wildlife conservation (*including attitudes and values towards wildlife*)
- Policy related to international wildlife conservation
- Research and/or development of technological innovations in wildlife conservation
- Climate change impacts and mitigation/adaptation for WWF focal species
- Wildlife health monitoring and research
- Rangeland and protected areas management
- Sustainable financing for wildlife conservation

## ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- Bhutan
- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Malaysia
- Namibia
- Tanzania
- Vietnam
- Zambia

## 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 conservation in an eligible country.
- 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 2017.
- 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.

**Applicants can access the online application at [www.worldwildlife.org/efn](http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn). The application deadline is March 1, 2016. Interested applicants are invited to visit [www.worldwildlife.org/efn](http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn) for more information or email EFN at [efn@wwfus.org](mailto:efn@wwfus.org).**