



Doctoral Fellowships in Conservation Science Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation (SMSC)

The Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation (SMSC) is pleased to announce the availability of Doctoral Fellowships in Conservation Science. Two fellowships, the ConocoPhillips/SMSC Conservation Research Fellow, and The Jacquemin Family Foundation Fellow, will be offered in fall 2018 for students with a B.S. or M.S. in Conservation Biology, Ecology, Zoology or a related field, and whose research interests coincide with scholars from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) and George Mason University. Prospective candidates must qualify for admission to a conservation-focused Ph.D. program at George Mason University. Support will be provided for five years with a stipend of \$28,000/year, health insurance, and tuition remission for a defined number of credits.

Preference will be given to applicants who will work on a research project involving collaboration between Mason and Smithsonian investigators and whose mentor(s) are actively collaborating with SMSC (e.g., accepting practicum/research students, unpaid instruction). Further, awardees will be required to acknowledge SMSC and the donor on all publications and presentations resulting from work completed while funded by these fellowships. SMSC will construct marketing material showcasing the awardees and their work and will ask them to meet annually with the donors.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the following links before applying:

Ph.D. program in Environmental Science and Policy:

<http://esp.gmu.edu/academic-programs/graduate/admissions/>

Ph.D. program in Biosciences:

<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/systems-biology/biosciences-phd/-requirementstext>

Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI):

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/conservation>

Applicants should contact potential research advisors in advance of submitting the application. Arrangements with SCBI and Mason mentors may take time and is required for successful application.

Lists of potential research mentors (other Mason and SI researchers may serve):

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/about/staff>

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/conservation/scbi-staff>

<https://biology.gmu.edu/people/faculty/departamental-faculty-bios/>

<http://esp.gmu.edu/faculty-staff/core-faculty-bios/>

<https://ssb.gmu.edu/faculty/research.cfm>

A full application packet must be submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office of George Mason University (<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>). Follow instructions for a Graduate-Degree Seeking Student for fall 2018. Include the extra Letter of Interest for both doctoral fellowships.

The following materials must also be submitted as part of the application:

1. Letter of Interest addressing the candidate's research experience and how they relate to SMSC and SCBI research agendas. This statement should be specific and reflect discussions with prospective SCBI and Mason research mentors.
2. Three letters of reference.
3. Endorsement letters by SCBI and Mason mentors.
4. Transcripts from completed degrees.



5. GRE scores (general test).
6. International students must submit adequate TOEFL scores.

For full consideration, applications must be received by **February 5, 2018**.

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