
Conservation Management Training

The Graduate Group in Ecology at the University of California at Davis announces a new ecosystem based *conservation management* graduate training program. Four tenets of successful conservation research and management lie at the core of this initiative.

1. A basic foundation in ecology is fundamental to developing the management and decision-making skills required to effectively manage ecosystems. This ecological foundation includes skills in statistics, experimental design and quantitative ecology.
2. Training in the social sciences of human ecology and environmental policy are required for conservation within the context of complex human cultures and stakeholder groups.
3. Practical skills for decision-making, planning and communication are essential for enabling scientists to step into leadership roles.
4. Integration and application of these various skills toward real conservation problems should be part of the graduate school experience.

Our goal is to reframe graduate training around these ideas for students desiring a career in conservation management. We will be accepting up to 10 graduate students into this new program for fall of 2008. There is a strong possibility for dedicated fellowship support for domestic and international students. Continued fellowship support will be contingent upon creating a dissertation project with a conservation agency, addressing a practical problem of ecosystem-based management, during the first year of study.

Interested candidates must apply to the Graduate Group in Ecology through the electronic application process (http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/prospective/admissions_application.html). In addition, candidates should submit a one page letter of intent for this program to:

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Letters should contain a brief statement of career goals and a statement of how this training program will help you attain that goal and must be received no later than January 4, 2008