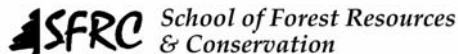


2006-2007

Gordon and Betty Moore Graduate Scholarships for Tropical Forest Conservation in the Andes-Amazon Region



TROPICAL CONSERVATION
& DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



School of Forest Resources
& Conservation



DESCRIPTION

The Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida (UF) announce a competition for the Gordon and Betty Moore Graduate Scholarships to support Master's and Doctoral level study in tropical forest conservation of the Andes-Amazon region by residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela.

Awards consist of a stipend of up to \$15,000 for each year of study at UF, plus the cost of tuition and fees. Additional funds for travel to and from the University of Florida, health insurance, and participation in field courses are also included. Moore Scholars will also have the opportunity to apply for field research grants. Limited financial support is available for enrollment in a one semester intensive English language course to improve existing English language skills prior to the start of a graduate program.

Applicants will be judged according to their academic record, previous related work experience, career goals, leadership potential, and commitment to tropical forest conservation. Additionally, applicants should demonstrate the relevance of their proposed research and course of study to one of the following themes:

- protected area management,
- regional planning and policy,
- sustainable forest management, and
- community-based natural resource management.

Recipients will be required to participate in TCD Program activities and to complete the requirements of the TCD interdisciplinary concentration as part of their degree program. Details on the TCD concentration can be found online at: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/tcd/prs.html>.

Moore Scholarships are made possible by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply for a Moore Scholarship, you must:

- Reside in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, or Venezuela
- Apply or already be admitted to a UF graduate degree program in a department affiliated with the TCD program. A list of TCD's affiliate departments can be viewed online at: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/tcd/prs.html>.
- Have received a Test of English Language as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 190 (computer test) or 520 (paper test).

APPLICATION MATERIALS

The following application materials are required:

- TCD Academic Year Financial Aid **Application Form**.
- A **letter of support** from faculty advisor or department Graduate Coordinator at UF.
- Two **letters of recommendation**.
- A two page **statement of purpose** explaining your plans for graduate training at UF and why you should be considered for a Moore Scholarship. Include details about your research interests in Amazon conservation with particular reference to the program's four thematic areas, as well as career goals and related work experience.
- **Curriculum vitae**.
- Originals or photocopies of **academic transcripts** from all colleges and universities attended, **Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores**, and **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admission to a UF graduate degree program is a separate application process. Contact your department of interest for details on the UF admissions process.

UF requires a TOEFL score of 213 (computer test) or 550 (paper test) for enrollment in a graduate degree program. Scholarship applicants with a TOEFL score between 190 and 213 will automatically be considered for enrollment in an intensive English language course at the UF English Language Institute for one semester (four months) in length to prepare for a graduate degree program. Applicants with a TOEFL score of less than 190 cannot be considered for a scholarship. Individuals in this situation are encouraged to apply again in the future when their English language skills have improved to the required minimum level.

For additional information, contact:

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SUBMISSION

Submit application materials to:

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University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611-5531 USA

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Application materials can be sent by mail, e-mail or fax. E-mail submissions should be sent to hcovert@latam.ufl.edu with "Moore Scholarship Application" as the subject line. Recommendation letters must be sent directly by the recommenders or can be sent in individually sealed envelopes with the other application materials.

Application forms are available online at:
<http://www.latam.ufl.edu/funding> or
<http://www.tropicalforests.ufl.edu>

DEADLINE:

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