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1) Tourism Cares for Tomorrow - Worldwide Grant Program 2006

As part of its mission, Tourism Cares for Tomorrow distributes charitable grants to worthy tourism-related non-profit organizations worldwide.

Tourism Cares for Tomorrow considers projects or programs with either or both of the following goals:
1) Projects that protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance; and
2) Programs that educate local host communities and the travelling public about conservation and preservation of sites. Preference will be given to applicants that are able to leverage Tourism Cares for Tomorrow's grant funding to provide increased philanthropic support through vehicles such as matching grants or challenge grants; are endorsed by the local, regional, or national tourism office; and demonstrate strong support from the local community.

Tourism Cares for Tomorrow’s grant-making goals for 2006 call for a balanced distribution to U.S. and non-U.S. recipients. Grant recipients must be classified as non-profit and tax-exempt under section 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or, in the case of non-U.S. organizations, must function as the equivalent. Historically, grant amounts have ranged between $10,000 and $20,000. However, based on merit and availability of funds, some grants of up to $100,000 will also be considered. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2006, June 30, and November 1, 2006.

Visit the Tourism Cares for Tomorrow Web Site for complete program information and application procedures.

http://www.tourismcaresfortomorrow.org/TourismCares/What+We+Do/Grants/Worldwide+Grant+Program/

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2) Joel Fleishman Civil Society Fellowship Program

The Joel L. Fleishman Civil Society Fellows Program at Duke University, Durham, NC, USA was created in honor of the Institute’s founding director. The Joel L. Fleishman Civil Society Fellows Program provides a select group of leaders from nonprofit organizations, international NGOs, foundations, government, socially responsible businesses, and other civil society groups with the opportunity to spend a four-week residential sabbatical at Duke University’s Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy.

Full-time academics are not eligible to apply. The 2006 Fellowship period will begin October 1, 2006. The Application deadline is May 1, 2006. Applications can be downloaded from the program Web site, http://www.pubpol.duke.edu/centers/civil/index.html. Deadline for submission of applications is May 1, 2006.

For more information and to submit application, contact:
Milissa Markiewicz,
Program Director,
Tel: +1 -919-613-9244,
E-mail: mmarkiew@duke.edu

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3) Abdul Latif Jameel grants for - scientific research & innovation in the Arab World

The grant aims at enhancing civil Research &Development activities inside the Arab region towards outputs that contribute to the sustained social and economic development. Based on that, the grant is directed to research in medical, engineering, applied sciences, as well as other sciences of relevant approaches. The Arab scientists inside the Arab World are invited to apply for this grant.

Please check various stages needed for submissions, which start by submission of "Solicitation for Letter of Intent". All stages have different deadlines as well. For detailed information about the grant guidelines, relevant fields, and procedures are posted in this web site:
http://www.astf.net/site/zone/zone.asp?ogzid=10195

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Please send your electronic application to:
Grants Department,
Arab Science & Technology Foundation,
P.O. Box 27272 - Sharjah, U.A.E.
Tel: + 971 6 5050551; Fax: + 971 6 5050553;
E-mail: grants@astf.net

4) Banff Mountain Grants

The Banff Mountain Grants Program is accepting applications to fund projects on mountain landscape, culture, and ecology.

Filmmakers, photographers, adventurers, scientists and writers from around the world are invited to apply for a share of $15,000 (CDN) in funding from The Banff Centre's 2006 Banff Mountain Grants program. The grants sponsored by Mountain Hard Wear support projects that bring stories of mountain ecology, adventure, inspiration, and culture to a broad public audience.

For more information please see the media release at:
http://www.banffcentre.ca/media_room/Media_Releases/2006/0131_mountaingrants.htm
Or write to:
E-mail: Amy_Krause@banffcentre.ca

5) ITTO Fellowships – 2006 cycle

ITTO offers fellowships through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines. The goal is to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, the efficient use and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information about the international trade in tropical timber.

The maximum amount for a fellowship grant is US$10,000. Only nationals of ITTO member countries are eligible to apply. The next deadline to receive application is 29 March 2006, for activities that will begin no sooner than 1 August 2006.

Further details and application forms (also in French or Spanish) are available at their Web site or contact:
Dr. Chisato Aoki, Fellowship Program, ITTO;
Fax 81–45–223 1111;
E-mail: fellowship@itto.or.jp
Web site: http://www.itto.or.jp

6) Media scholarship for the International AIDS Conference 2006

The 16th International AIDS Conference will take place in Toronto, Canada on 13-18 August 2006. A limited number of scholarships will be available for media representatives from around the world. Media scholarship applicants will be asked to provide media accreditation and supporting documents. Application deadline is 15 May 2006.
An online media scholarship application form will be available on the conference Web site (http://www.aids2006.org/subpage.aspx?pageId=301) from March 2006. Those who do not have internet access can contact the AIDS 2006 scholarship department to receive a paper copy of the application at:

Contact details:
AIDS 2006 Media Scholarship Department
International AIDS Society
P.O. Box 2, 1216 Cointrin,
Geneva, Switzerland.
Web site: mediascholarship@aids2006.org

7) Call for SGF project proposals for the 2006 cycle - the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

The call for proposals is now being made for the 2006 cycle, with a deadline of 30 June 2006 for application and with a decision by the Standing Committee around November. The current edition of the "SGF Operational Guidelines", which includes complete information and the required forms, is now available on the Ramsar Web site in Word and PDF formats, as well as directly from the Secretariat. The Secretariat's regional teams also offer an advisory service to help with the preparation of suitable proposals, for which drafts should be submitted to the Senior Regional Advisors by 15 April 2006.

Projects may be proposed and implemented by any agency, NGO, or individual. Visit the following web site to learn (for tips) as to the kinds of projects and approaches most often selected for assistance, http://ramsar.org/key_sgf_index.htm

For further information about the Ramsar Convention and the Small Grants Fund contact:
The Ramsar Convention Bureau,
Rue Mauverney 28,
CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland
Tel. +41 22/999 0170; Fax +41 22/999 0169;
E-mail: ramsar@ramsar.org

8) Asian Waterbird Conservation Fund

The Asian Waterbird Conservation Fund has been established to provide financial support to projects at site of importance for migratory water birds in the East Asia - Australasian flyway.

Cathay Pacific placed an initial donation of HK$500,000 (approx. US$65,000) into the fund and further donations are actively being sought from other sources to increase the amount in the fund so that a greater number of worthwhile projects can be supported in future. At present, the maximum amount that can be applied for each project shall not exceed US$4,000.

There will be a single call for applications to the Fund each year with the deadline currently being 31st March 2006.

Groups such as non-government and community organisations, academic and research institutes are eligible and can apply.
9) Call for Proposals - Research Grants on Competition Issues in the Distribution Sector

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) invites competition authorities in developing countries to apply for research grants to study competition issues in the distribution sector. Approximately 10 grants of up to CA$50,000 will be distributed to competition authorities and/or partner organizations. The "distribution sector" in developing countries manifests two major features of globalization: 1) technological change revolutionizing the delivery of goods and services, and 2) the spread of foreign investment across borders. For the full text of the Call for Proposals, a comprehensive background note, required institution profile and duties, and further information on how to apply, contact the following site:


For further information contact:
Susan Joekes, Program Manager
E-mail: distributionsector@idrc.ca

10) Call for CDM project proposals - in the reforestation/afforestation and bio energy sectors

Consortium of organizations integrated by the INIA, CIFOR, CATIE, ECOSUR and MGAP has recently launched the Project FORMA aiming at developing a support platform for the development of reforestation/afforestation and bio energy projects in the clean development mechanism (CDM). FORMA is now calling for project proposals in the reforestation/afforestation and bio energy sectors. This fund is structured to provide, no reimbursable financial support of up to Euros 30,000 per selected project proposal in order to assist removal of identified barriers for formulation of CDM projects in the forestry and bio energy sectors AND technical support to project developers for a wide range of technical activities required for proper CDM project development.

The call for proposals is open to participating CDM project proposals located in the Ibero American region which comprises 21 countries (Portugal, Spain and all the Hispano-Luso-American nations - Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, México, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela).

For information on the fund is available at: http://www.proyectoforma.com
E-mail: info@proyectoforma.com

11) Fellowships in International Studies - Watson Institute for International Studies

The Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University seeks several scholars/practitioners for one-year visiting fellowships to be affiliated with existing research projects at the Institute, beginning July 1, 2006. The mission of the Watson Institute is to analyze contemporary global problems, working at the intersection of academia and policymaking.
They are looking individuals with a commitment to multi-disciplinary collaboration. Preference will be given to scholars/practitioners who can make contributions to and/or across the following themes: the financing of terrorism, the role of media in international studies, cultural awareness training in the military, institutions and development, or global climate change.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach one undergraduate course in his or her area of specialty. There is possibility of a renewal of this fellowship. Salary: $40,000 (12 month), plus the option to purchase insurance at the university's group rate, access to research and travel funds, and support for some relocation expenses. Closing date for initial review of applications is March 15, 2006. Please note, all applications must be submitted online.

For further information and a link to the application form, check:
Web link: http://www.watsoninstitute.org

12) Call for proposals by Steven H. Sandell Grant program

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College (CRR) invites applications for the Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research. Junior scholars from a wide variety of academic disciplines, including actuarial science, demography, economics, finance, gerontology, political science, public administration, public policy, sociology, social work, and statistics and senior scholars working in a new area are encouraged to submit a proposal. Six grants of $30,000 will be awarded.

For information contact:
E-mail: crr@bc.edu
Web site: http://www.bc.edu/centers/crr/sandellguidelines.shtml

13) ATSE Crawford Fund Fellowship 2006

Every two years the Crawford Fund, through the Crawford Fund Fellowship, offers an opportunity for further training of an agricultural scientist, below the age of 35, from a selected group of developing countries whose work has shown potential. The training will take place at an Australian institution and will emphasise the application of knowledge to increase agricultural production in the fellow's home country.

The 2006 Crawford Fund Fellowship will be offered to an agricultural scientist who is a citizen of, or who is working in, one the following countries: Bhutan, Cambodia, East Timor, Federation of States of Micronesia, Fiji, Laos, Marshall Is, Myanmar, Nepal, Nive and Tokelau, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Is, Tonga, Tuvalu and Kiribati, Vanuatu, Vietnam. Nominations require the support of an Australian citizen and the officer-in-charge of the nominee's Institute or Department, and must be submitted by 3 April 2006. Nomination forms and terms and conditions are available on The Crawford Fund Web site at http://www.crawfordfund.org/awards/cf_fellowship.htm

If you have any queries about the fellowship, please contact:
Mr. Toni Langley,
E-mail: tlangley@mira.net
Web site: http://www.crawfordfund.org

14) Native Leadership Scholarship
It creates educational opportunities for women around the world who are grassroots leaders, organisers and activists demonstrating financial need. Scholarship recipients enrol in programmes of study that cover a range of human rights and development issues at the non-doctoral graduate level including gender, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, child exploitation, human and drug trafficking, infant and maternal mortality, microbial diseases, conflict resolution, environmental justice, global fair trade, agro ecology, and sustainable development. Four to six scholarships are awarded per year, up to USD $25,000 per academic year for a maximum of two years. The deadline for application is March 25 2006

For information about application contact:  
http://www.comminit.com/funding2006/scholarships2006/awards-1312.html

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15) Call for nominations - UNEP Sasakawa Prize for Environment 2006

The UNEP Sasakawa Prize is awarded every year to individuals with an established track record of achievement and the potential to make outstanding contributions to the protection and management of the environment consistent with UNEP’s policies and objectives. The publicity and prestige associated with winning the UNEP Sasakawa Prize is just one of its advantages. Recognizing that good ideas deserve a helping hand, the $200,000 UNEP Sasakawa Prize offers the financial support laureates need to build on their achievements.

Please note, no person may nominate himself or herself, someone’s or institution can only nominate and submit your name. Deadline is 15 March 2006. And nominations must be related to the 2006 theme Deserts & Desertification.

For information and nomination forms contact:
The Secretary,  
UNEP Sasakawa Prize,  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Division of Communications and Public Information  
P.O. Box 30552, Nairobi, Kenya  
Tel: +254 20 62 34 01 / 62 31 28; Fax: +254 20 62 39 27;  
http://www.unep.org/sasakawa/Nomination_Form/index.asp

A full announcement is also available in Arabic, French and Spanish, see links below:  
http://www.unep.org/PDF/Sasakawa-brochure/SASAKAWA-ar.pdf (Arabic)  
http://www.unep.org/PDF/Sasakawa-brochure/Sasakawa-sp.pdf (In Spanish)  

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16) Wetlands International Green Coast Recovery - Small Grants Facility

The Small Grants Facility supports local community projects that promote restoration of coastal ecosystems and ecologically sustainable reconstruction efforts. Local NGOs, CBOs or small scale enterprises can also implement projects that are related to ecosystem management and restoration

For more information contact:  
Small Grants Facility  
Marielies Schelhaas, IUCN-Netherlands  
E-mail: marielies.schelhaas@nciucn.nl  
Web site:
17) Rothamsted International - African Fellows Programme

The Rothamsted International African Fellows Programme (AFP) aims to provide problem-focused training in Europe for mid-career African scientists. The purpose of the programme is to assist in capacity building, institutional strengthening and knowledge transfer in order to find relevant solutions to the problems of achieving sustainable agricultural production, as well as improving rural development and conservation of biodiversity.

Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis through an assessment panel and will normally be for periods of 6 months although they can vary from 4 to 12 months depending on the nature of the project. Please note, MSc and PhD studies are outside the remit of the programme. The next deadline for Pre-proposals is 3rd March 2006.

Please contact Rothamsted International for further advice and information before you apply:
E-mail: rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk
Web site: http://www.rothamsted-international.org/HTML/Fellowships/AFP_main_page.html

18) John V. Krutilla Research Stipend

The John V. Krutilla Research Stipend honours the late John V. Krutilla, a renowned environmental economist who served as a senior fellow at Resources for the Future (RFF) for most of his career. The grant is intended for young scholars who have a recently awarded doctoral degree (that is, no more than 5 years beyond receipt of the Ph.D.). The focus of the award is for research related to environmental and resource economics. Special attention will be given to applications that seek to pursue research into one or more of the areas pioneered by John Krutilla. Application materials for the 2006-2007 research grants must be received by February 27, 2006.

All materials must be sent electronically as WORD documents to: krutillaaward@rff.org

19) Loans for conservation enterprises

In 2005, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched a loan and grant programme to help small- and medium-sized businesses conserve biodiversity at the same time as they reduce poverty. The initiative, called Equator Ventures, will disburse 'loan investments' of $30 000 to $500 000 in a pilot programme and will provide expertise in building enterprises which promote conservation.

For information and how to apply, please see their web site or send letter of interest to:
UNDP Equator Initiative,
405 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10174
E-mail: equatorinitiative@undpo.org
Fax: +1 212 457 1370
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20) The OPEC Fund – Scholarship Award 2006/2007

The OPEC Fund for International Development is proud to launch its Scholarship Award to support mid-career professionals from developing countries. The recipient will receive a scholarship of up to $100,000, over a maximum period of two years, toward the completion of a Master’s degree, or its equivalent, at an accredited educational institution, starting from the academic year 2006/07. The recipient is expected to select a subject study that pertains to the OPEC Fund’s core mission, such as: sustainable development, economics of development, poverty reduction, environment, and science and technology fields.

Complete application and all support documents should be received by the OPEC Fund, either electronically or in hard copy at the address below, no later than 31st March, 2006.

The Scholarship Award
The Information Department
OPEC Fund for International Development
Parkring 8, A-1010
Vienna, Austria
E-mail: scholarship@opecfund.org

21) Postgraduate Training Fellowships for Women Scientists in Sub-Saharan Africa/Least Developed Countries

The Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS) with funds generously provided by the Department for Research Cooperation (SAREC) of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), has instituted a fellowship programme for female students from Sub-Saharan Africa and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), who wish to pursue postgraduate training leading to a Ph.D., at centres of excellence in the South (developing countries), outside their own country. This fellowship programme is for female students in Sub-Saharan Africa or Least Developed Countries (LDCs) [check their Web site for eligible countries] who wish to pursue postgraduate training leading to a doctorate degree at a centre of excellence in the South outside their own country. The fellowship will provide support (travel, accommodation and living expenses) for a maximum of three years. Applications should reach the TWOWS secretariat by 30 May.

For more information and where to send the application, please contact:
TWOWS Postgraduate Fellowships Office
Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS)
C/o The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
Enrico Fermi Building
Via Beirut, 6
34100 Trieste - Italy
Phone: +39 040 2240-321
Fax: +39 040 2240689
E-Mail: info@twows.org
22) H.J.Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship Program - University of Pittsburgh

Heinz Fellowships will be granted to two individuals from developing countries who demonstrate potential as future leaders in the public, government, non-profit or private sectors. The competition for a Heinz Fellowship is open to men and women from developing countries whose records of accomplishment early in their careers indicate strong potential for leadership and achievement.

Applicants must have completed a university degree, be suitably proficient in speaking, reading and writing English and should be working in some subsection of sustainable development, governance, public health or conflict resolution. Preference will be given to those applicants in the earlier stages of their careers. The fellowship is not awarded for basic academic research, academic sabbaticals, nor for medical research or updating. Closing date is 15 March 2006.

For more information, see their web site: [http://tinyurl.com/9ojrx](http://tinyurl.com/9ojrx)
E-mail: heinz@ucis.pitt.edu

23) Feldman Graduate Fellowships in Sustainable Development in poverty alleviation and community development

Contact E-mail: HellerAdmissions@brandeis.edu
Or Web sites: [http://heller.brandeis.edu/sid/downloads/feldman06.doc](http://heller.brandeis.edu/sid/downloads/feldman06.doc)  
[http://heller.brandeis.edu/sid/downloads/pd06.doc](http://heller.brandeis.edu/sid/downloads/pd06.doc)
Deadline for application to both fellowships is March 31, 2006.

24) Gates Millennium Scholarships

The goal of Gates Millennium Scholarships is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need. The scholarship covers room, board, and tuition. Deadline is March 15.

Go to their web site for details, [http://www.gmsp.org/SOW4/](http://www.gmsp.org/SOW4/)

25) The Shell Centenary Scholarship Fund

The Shell Centenary Scholarship Fund provides masters’ scholarships to students from developing world studying fields related to humanity science, natural and earth sciences, social science, information technology and other related subjects. Deadline for application is March 1st 2006. For application procedures and further information about this scholarship fund, contact their web site at: [http://www.shellscholar.org/home/index.html](http://www.shellscholar.org/home/index.html)

26) Five PhD Scholarships in Environmental Economics
The Environmental Economics Unit (EEU), at Göteborg University and the Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics offer five full scholarships in a PhD program in Environmental Economics with next intake 2006. The program is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and includes one year of general economics courses, one year of specialization courses, two-three years of data collection and thesis writing.

The scholarships are open for applicants from developing countries. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2006 and the program starts in September 2006.

The application and attachments must be sent by ordinary mail or courier in three copies (e-mail or fax is not accepted) to:
Göteborg University, Department of Economics
Elizabeth Foldi, Vasagatan 1,
411 24 Göteborg, Sweden
Web site: http://www.hgu.gu.se/item.aspx?id=5635

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27) Graduate Center/Scholarship - DIW Berlin (German Institute for Economic Research)

The Center of Economic and Social Research at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) welcomes application from highly qualified students from all over the world to attend its structured doctoral training program in economics and social sciences. Applicants must hold a MA degree or a diploma in economics or social sciences in order to apply. Degrees from other related fields (such as civil engineering or statistics) also fulfil the admission requirements of the program. Students with a degree in economics follow the economic track that leads to a PhD in economics; students with a degree in sociology follow a social science track which leads to a PhD in sociology. There are a number of core courses that both groups of students will attend. An application deadline is 1 May 2006.

For application procedure and further information please write to:
Ms. Andrea Jonat,
Tel: +49-30-897 89-218;
Web site: http://www.diw.de
E-mail: ajonat@diw.de

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28) Three PhD or MSc sought at University of Guelph, Canada

There are immediate openings for 3 graduate students to undertake research at the PhD (preferred) or MSc level to assess the effects of forest harvesting practices on aquatic-terrestrial interactions in northern Ontario, Canada. The students will be housed in the Department of Environmental Biology at the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, with opportunities to interact with other academic institutions and provincially-based government agencies.

Study #1: Spatially Explicit Hydro-Biogeochemical Assessment of Forest Harvesting.
Study #2: Responses of Benthic Macro invertebrate and Periphyton Communities to Forest Harvesting in Boreal Aquatic Systems.
Study #3: Aquatic and Terrestrial Microbial Communities as Indicators of Response to Forest Harvesting.

Students should indicate which study they wish to apply for and their experience pertaining to the position requested.

Please send cover letter, curriculum vitae/resume and unofficial transcripts to:
29) Twelve Doctoral & two Post-doctoral scholarships - Munich Graduate School of Economics

The Munich Graduate School of Economics (MGSE) offer a distinguished three-year Ph.D. program in Economics to outstanding young graduates.

The program provides advanced training for in-depth research into global market integration, its consequences for institutional change, and its impact on the role of governments in the organization of economic activity. These themes are widely conceived and allow for applications in any field of economics. They also offer a wide range of Ph.D. courses, all taught in English.

Applications to the MGSE PhD programme are welcome from graduates who hold a Master's degree in economics, statistics, mathematics or physics. Graduates need to prove a strong quantitative background as well as interest and ability to conduct independent research.

Applications to the MGSE post-doc programme are welcome from outstanding young researchers with a completed Ph.D. in economics or a closely related field and proven ability to conduct independent research. Application deadline is 30 April 2006 for PhD applicants and 31 May 2006 for Post-doc applicants.

For further details and the application procedure contact:
Ms Ingeborg Buchmayr,
Munich Graduate School of Economics
E-mail: mgse@lmu.de
Web site: http://www.mgse.vwl.lmu.de

30) PhD Studentships in Geography at the University of Nottingham

The School of Geography at the University of Nottingham invites applications for up to two fully-funded studentships in any area of geography. Students should possess, or expect to obtain, a good undergraduate degree and/or relevant Masters Degree. Potential applicants should give an indication of their area of research interest, and will be required to submit a research proposal with their application. Applications should be clearly marked ‘Geography Studentships’. Information on the School's research themes is available at http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography and closing date is 9 March 2006.

Further details and application forms are available from:
Ms Jenny Ashmore (Postgraduate Research Administrator),
School of Geography, University of Nottingham,
University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.
Tel: +44 (01)15 951 5575
E-mail: Jenny.Ashmore@Nottingham.ac.uk
Web site: https://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk

31) Four PhD positions in Business Administration and Operations Research
Four fully paid PhD positions in Business Administration and Operations Research. A contract of employment is offered, initially for a period of 12 months, extendable to four years upon a positive evaluation. Candidates may select one of the available research themes or submit their own project at [http://www.feweb.vu.nl/project_themes](http://www.feweb.vu.nl/project_themes). PhD students can rely on the intensive supervision and the extensive training offered by the faculty’s leading researchers in the field. The Faculty offers opportunities to attend conferences, to meet other international researchers and to participate in high-quality discussion groups in support of publications.

Applicants should have an MSc or MPhil with good grades in Economics, Business Administration, Operations Research, Sociology, or a related discipline, depending also on the topic of the research project. We expect candidates to show a proactive research orientation and to be proficient in written and spoken English. You can apply before 01-04-2006

For more information and the application form contact:
Vrije Universiteit
De Boelelaan 1105
1081 HV Amsterdam, the Netherlands
E-mail: fsnijders@feweb.vu.nl
Web site: [http://www.feweb.vu.nl/phd/applicationform2.htm](http://www.feweb.vu.nl/phd/applicationform2.htm)

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32) Gender &Diversity Program-Rockefeller Fellowships

CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program (G&D) is now receiving applications for the second round of the G&D-Rockefeller Foundation fellowship program and is pleased to invite applications from qualified female scientists in East Africa for a two-year fellowship. With generous support from the Rockefeller Foundation, these fellowships are open to women scientists from national agricultural research institutes (NARIs) and universities in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania working in crop sciences. The overall goal is to increase women's skills, visibility and contributions to science and development. Applicants must have a Masters degree at a minimum. Closing date is 28 February 2006.

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33) Borlaug Leadership Awards for MSc and PhDs

The Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (LEAP) awards up to $20,000 to outstanding MS or PhD students (enrolled in either U.S. or home country universities) from United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-assisted countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The awards support internships/thesis research of up to 12 months at a CGIAR international agriculture research center and also need to link a U.S. university mentor with a scientist at a CGIAR Centre.
The fellowship program is funded by the USAID, to enhance the quality of thesis research of graduate students from developing countries who show strong promise as leaders in the field of agriculture and related disciplines.

Borlaug LEAP Fellowships are awarded twice a year (March 15 and October 15) but can be submitted any time during the year. Applicants must submit a supplemental application form from CG Centre mentors. The application must include a description of leveraged funding from other sources. Applications are to be sent directly to the Borlaug-LEAP Office at the University of California-Davis.

Application and guidelines can be found at this Web site: http://leap.ucdavis.edu/

LIST SERVES, DIRECTORIES, PORTALS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Corporation for Public Broadcasting:
Basic Elements of Grant Writing: http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html

Environmental Protection Agency:
Grant-writing tutorial; http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/seahome/grants.html

The Foundation Center:
Proposal writing short course; http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html

Institute of Museum and Library Services:
National Leadership grant planning tutorial; http://www.imls.gov/project%5Fplanning/

The Foundation Center:
This organization provides access to private foundation information, directories, books and periodicals, grant maker files, and bibliographic databases
http://www.foundationcenter.org/

National Science Foundation:

James Madison University:
Tips on proposal development; http://www.jmu.edu/sponsprog/writingtips.html

Grantsnet.org:
This funding portal provides the latest index of research funding, scholarships, fellowships, and internships for postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students, as well as listings of U.S. government funding opportunities, visit the site at, http://www.grantsnet.org

USDA web portal:

Free-access to scientific journals and data:
http://www.ictp.trieste.it/~twas/free_access.html

Free-access online journals listings:
http://www.gdnet.org/online_services/journals/public_access
Financing mechanism for protected areas:
http://www.bioadiversityeconomics.org/document.rm?id=651

The conservation Finance guide:
http://guide.conservationfinance.org

Book: How to lobby at intergovernmental meetings:
http://www.stakeholderforum.org/publications/books/lobby.php

Hints for disseminating research findings by GDN: http://www.gdnet.org/online-services/toolkits/disseminating_research_online/practica

A library in your letterbox - The GDN/BLDS document delivery service: This service is provided only to research institutes in developing and transition countries.

Contact for further information,
Ms. Janet Cooper, (gdnetresource@ids.ac.uk )
Web site:
http://www.gdnet.org/online_services/journals/gdn_journal_services/document_delivery/index.html

NAP Assess - A decision support tool for use in the National Adaptation Action Programme (NAPA) process to respond to climate change impacts. NAP Assess can be downloaded at,
http://www.seib.org/napassess/

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TRAINING COURSES, MEETINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS:

Forest Leadership Conference: the Sustainability Challenge, Toronto, Canada
(From 1st – 2nd March 2006)
For more information contact:
E-mail: conference@forestleadership.com
Web site: http://www.forestleadership.com

International conference on the roles of Forests in Rural Development and Environmental Sustainability, Beijing, China (19-21 April 2006)
For more information, please contact the symposium secretariat:
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E-mail: csf_org@forestry.ac.cn

3rd International Conference on Environmental Enhancement and Sustainable Development, 4-6 August 2006, Inner Mongolia, China
For more information on registration and call for papers, contact:
Prof. Ekko van Ierland
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For more detailed information please contact:
12th PhD workshop on International Climate Policy, April 28-29th 2006
The 12th PhD workshop on International Climate Policy will be held at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. It is an opportunity for PhD students in the field of international climate policy to present ideas, interact with other PhD students, and get informal feedback on their work. Participation is free, travel costs need to be borne by the participants. Registration for this workshop is open until 28th February 2006 at http://www.rug.nl/edrec/PhD-Workshop/index

Please read the terms of participation and return the registration form to:
Mr. Vlasis Oikomonou, SOM,
Department of Economics, University of Groningen
E-mail: v.oikonomou@rug.nl
Web site: http://som.rug.nl

Short Courses: Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring & Environmental Leadership
a) The Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring course will take place May 14 - June 3, 2006. Topics include monitoring techniques for vegetation, mammals and arthropods, as well as an introduction to project planning, GIS, and statistics.
b) The Smithsonian Environmental Leadership course will take place September 17 - 29, 2006. Topics include foundation skills for the environmental leader, determining mission and vision, negotiation and conflict resolution strategies, and impactful environmental communication.

For more information and application for both courses contact Ms. Melissa Bellman at (bellmanm@si.edu) or see the MAB Web site, http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MAB/training/app.cfm

Short-course on Environmental leadership program, University of California, Berkeley, USA
For more information contact:
E-mail: beahrselp@nature.berkeley.edu
Web site: http://nature.berkeley.edu/BeahrsELP/

Where to study forestry – database of forestry institutions developed by FAO
Contact information on 356 forestry education institutions from 78 countries is available at FAO Forestry Web site http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/education-db/en

Training opportunities in Forestry - UK-based organisations,
http://www.forestforum.org.uk/training.htm

Master of Arts in Climate and Society at Columbia University,
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/climatesociety/