

The Waiariki School of Forestry and Primary Industries

Location: Rotorua, New Zealand

Term: Year-round

Cost: On request

Contact: <http://www.forestryschool.ac.nz/>

The Waiariki School of Forestry and Primary Industries, operating through the Waiariki Institute of Technology, is the largest vocational forestry training institute in New Zealand. It was established over 60 years ago by the New Zealand Government to train students in plantation forest management, sawmilling and wood manufacturing. The school offers programs that reflect today's forest industry needs. With strong links with Rotorua's forest industry, the school reflects the needs of today's forest industry with programs in Forest Management, Forest Operations, Solid Wood Processing, Biotechnology, Sustainable Energy, Agriculture and Horticulture. Training is offered in a range of disciplines from Silviculture and Practical Logging/Harvest Planning through to Saw Doctoring and Timber Machining.

WFI International Fellowship Program

Location: Portland, Oregon, USA

Term: 6-12 months - Applications accepted year-round.

Cost: Twelve-month Fellowships cost US\$20 000. Shorter terms are prorated. Approximately 80% of the funds go directly to the Fellow's salary and program activities. Visa and travel fees are additional.

Contact: <http://wfi.worldforestry.org/index/international-fellowship.html>

This WFI Fellowship brings natural resource professionals from around the world to the World Forestry Center to conduct a practical research project. In addition to projects, Fellows participate in weekly field trips, interviews and site visits to local forestry organizations, research labs, universities, public and private timberlands, trade associations, mills, and corporations. The Fellowship is a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable forestry from the US Pacific Northwest forestry sector, and to work with colleagues from around the world. Fellows leave the program with a solid understanding of how the US forestry sector operates and who the key players are. Additionally, Fellows gain invaluable cultural experience and English language skills.

The three main components of the program are:

1. Conducting a Project

Fellows arrive with a major research proposal developed in conjunction with his/her sponsor. We favor proposals that are policy or market-oriented, employ good use of being situated in the Pacific Northwest, and cover a topic of interest to the international forestry community. Research projects may involve information gathering, interviewing, visiting other

organizations, or planning a conference. Fellows typically summarize their projects in a report published by the World Forest Institute.

2. Networking with public and private forestry organizations in the US, especially in the Pacific Northwest

Networking is largely accomplished by site visits to forestry agencies, research labs, universities, public and private timberlands, trade associations, mills, and corporations. A combination of about four site visits or meetings per month are scheduled for Fellows. Fellows participating less than 12 months should note that most field excursions are conducted during summer months between June and October in order to avoid the rainy season. Fellows are also encouraged to arrange their own meetings to suit personal interests.

3. Educational Outreach

Fellows will be considered the staff expert for their region of the world. They respond to public requests for formal presentations to forestry professionals, general audiences, and school children.

Fellowships are open to any country, including US citizens, and there is a matching grant from the Harry A. Merlo Foundation. Over 70 Fellows from 23 countries have participated to date.

Environmental Studies Harvard University Extension School Graduate Program in Sustainability and Environmental Management

Location: Cambridge, MA, USA

Term: Students are admitted to the program 3 times a year

Cost: On request

Contact: <http://www.extension.harvard.edu/envr/default.jsp> or <http://www.extension.harvard.edu/2009-10/programs/envr/overview/>

The Graduate Program in Sustainability and Environmental Management is designed to educate working professionals on the core environmental issues facing the global community. Programs are offered in 2 concentrations: *Ecological management* which deals with stewardship of the natural and built environment, where studies may focus on wetland protection, air and water pollution, or global climate change; and *Sustainable development* which concerns meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainable initiatives include green construction, corporate responsibility, and waste and energy management.

To be admitted to the program applicants must complete 3 pre-admission courses at Harvard; sit required placement tests demonstrating competence in statistics and English (speaking, reading and writing) and; have a recognized bachelor's degree.