

PhD Fellowship in Climate-Smart Forestry

The Division of Forestry and Natural Resources (DFNR) at West Virginia University is seeking applicant for a PhD in Natural Resources Science who will be trained in climate-smart forestry through forest carbon management (focusing on policy, economics, social or ecological aspects). This is part of a fellowship grant received from the USDA National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship (NNF) Grants Program. The goal of this fellowship is to recruit and train multidisciplinary and diverse professionals in climate-smart forestry (CSF) through a graduate education that focuses on forest carbon management and sustainable biomaterials.

Anticipated start date is Fall 2023. This is a 12-month fellowship that will provide 3 years of support and include the following benefits:

- Annual stipend of \$24,500
- Waiver of university tuition (fellows are responsible for University fees)
- College tuition scholarship of \$250 for each Fall and Spring semester
- Student health insurance
- Travel allowance for professional meetings and internship activities

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or native residents of U.S. territories
- Applications from women and from underrepresented minorities will be given special consideration.
- An MS degree in forestry and related fields, natural resource/agricultural economics, and environmental science.
- Strong communications and quantitative skills
- Applicants with previous research experience, leadership and mentoring experiences, and other extracurricular involvement are highly encouraged
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 and completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Application Information:

Please provide CV, transcript (unofficial okay), graduate research statement (describing how your motivations, research interests and career goals will fit in the NNF Program), 2 recommendation letters from previous professors/mentors (send directly to the NNF program contact below), and a writing sample. Email these materials to:

Dr. Kathryn Arano Gazal
Email: Kathryn.Arano@mail.wvu.edu

Those applicants selected to be fellows will then need to apply and be admitted to the DFNR PhD in Natural Resources Science graduate program. Visit the WVU Graduate Admissions Website: <https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply> for the application process.