SNRE MS and MLA Career Information

From 2007-2008 the School of Natural Resources and Environment graduated 85 MS and MLA students. 79% (67) of these recent graduates responded to a survey - 85% MS (55/65) and 60% MLA (12/20). The information below was compiled with data gathered from these graduates.

Quick Facts:
- 92% of working graduates are in the natural resources and environment field
- 37% of survey respondents had a dual degree (some examples of a dual degree with Natural Resources and Environment are Business, Law, and Public Policy)
- 7% of graduates were international students
- On average, SNRE MS/MLA graduates found a job within 5-6 months of beginning their job search
- Over half of SNRE MS/MLA graduates were hired on or before their graduation day
- Continuing Education: 10% (6/62) are currently pursuing additional education (5 PhD and 1 JD) and 8% (5/62) are planning on furthering their education in 2009

Where SNRE MS and MLA Graduates are Employed

Salary Information
Data is from MS and MLA graduates within seven months after graduation, working full-time in the Natural Resources and Environment field

Yearly Averages:
- Overall $62,826
- Dual Degree Students (MS/MBA, MS/Law, MS/MLA, etc.) $86,007
- MS/MLA Graduates $44,525

The above charts are based on data from graduates working full-time in the Natural Resources and Environment field.
Employment Sector of MS and MLA Graduates that Work in the Natural Resources and Environment Field (2007-2008 survey of alumni) View data by each Field of Study: http://www.snre.umich.edu/node/205#fieldofstudycareerpages

**Government**
- Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior (Natural Resources Specialist)**
- Environmental Protection Agency (Environmental Protection Specialist)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Fisheries Biologist)
- Office of Management and Budget (Program Examiner)
- Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (Management Plan Specialist)
- Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (Land Use Planner)*
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (Wildlife Inspector)
- USDA Forest Service (Assistant Forest Planner)**
- USDA Forest Service (Natural Resource Specialist)**
- USDA Forest Service (Biological Scientist)**

**Non-Governmental/Non-Profit**
- Center for Clean Air Policy (Domestic Research Assistant)
- Chikaming Open Lands (Land Protection Specialist)
- Global Green USA (Director, Coalition for Resource Recovery)
- Great Lakes Commission (Senior Program Specialist / Team Lead)
- Mount Washington Observatory (Outreach Educator)
- National Wildlife Federation (Regional Constituent Operations Coordinator)
- National Wildlife Federation (Regional Manager, Adaptation)
- The Greening of Detroit (Program Manager)

**Private**
- Battery Ventures (Senior Associate)
- BCS, Inc (Technical Research Associate)
- Berkeley Air Monitoring Group (Program Manager)
- Bright Green Talent (Director of Development)
- Clean Pacific Ventures (Associate)
- Deloitte Consulting (Senior Consultant) (3 placements)
- Duke Energy (Commercial Associate)
- EcoSecurities Consulting Ltd. (Senior Consultant)
- Environmental Resources Management (Technician)
- Equilibrium Capital Group (Principal)
- GE Energy (Wind Services Program Manager)
- ICF International (Associate)
- Jerry Pate Golf Design (Design Associate)*
- JJR (Site Designer)*
- Point Carbon (Senior Analyst)
- Sasaki Associates (Landscape Architect)*
- Shepherd Advisors (Consultant)
- Washtenaw Engineering Company (Director of Planning)*
- Weston Solutions (Project Scientist, Sustainability Team)

**Academic**
- Jackson Community College (Sustainability Coordinator and Adjunct Professor)
- Michigan Tech Research Institute (Research Scientist) (3 placements)
- University of Michigan (Laboratory Technician)
- University of Michigan-Flint, Center for Applied Environmental Research (Natural Resource Analyst)

Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) positions denoted with an *
Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) positions denoted with an **

SNRE students have been highly successful in the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) program—a nationally competitive program to recruit the best and the brightest to serve in leadership positions at federal agencies across the nation. In recent years, an average of 5 SNRE students are selected annually as PMF finalists and have gone on to serve with agencies such as the USDA Forest Service, NOAA, Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, BLM and others.

95% of SNRE graduates are very satisfied or satisfied with their current job.
The above charts are based on data from graduates working full-time in the Natural Resources and Environment field.

SNRE Career Advantage
Michelle Aldridge, 2008 MS Graduate, PMF Fellow
Environmental Policy and Planning
Michelle currently works for the US Forest Service (National Forests in North Carolina) as a Planning Assistant.

“I am thankful for the breadth of exposure I had at SNRE, not just to natural science fields, but to public policy, planning, law, economics and psychology. The emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches helped me understand the language and key concepts of related professions and crystallized the importance of bringing multiple perspectives to the decision-making table. As I reflect on where my student colleagues and I have landed after graduate school – in government, businesses, communities, NGOs and academia – I’m so proud of our diverse and strong career paths, and I feel confident our ability to shape a sustainable future. It’s an exciting time to be working in natural resources!”
**Alumni can:**
- Keep in touch with other alumni
- Be a mentor to current students
- Look for jobs

**Employers can:**
- Post job and internships
- Search student resumes
- Set up on campus visits

**Students can:**
- Post resumes
- Apply for jobs and internships online
- Network with other students, alumni, and employers
- Receive customized job postings via email
- View and RSVP for career events

For more information on SNRE Career Services, visit: [http://www.snre.umich.edu/career_services/resources](http://www.snre.umich.edu/career_services/resources)

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**SNRE Career Services**
- Personalized Job Search Assistance
- General Career Advising
- Access to SNRE Professional Network
- Mock Interviews
- Career Workshops & Events
- Resume, CV, & Cover Letter Reviews

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**SNRE: Furthering Your Education**

**Jennifer Lee Johnson, 2008 MS Graduate**

*Environmental Policy and Planning*

Jennifer currently is a SNRE Ph.D Pre-Candidate in Resource Policy and Behavior

“My MS in Environmental Policy and Planning from SNRE uniquely combined a solid foundation in the natural and social sciences with the flexibility to begin international interdisciplinary research on a topic and region I love -- the fisheries of Lake Victoria. SNRE’s commitment to scholarship and practice ensures that my dissertation will not just be another elephant tusk in the ivory tower, but will speak to and influence practitioners, politicians and scholars alike.

Currently, in addition to thinking, reading and talking about fish and people as a Resource Policy and Behavior doctoral student at SNRE, I co-host an environmental news radio show on UM’s own WCBN - FM Ann Arbor from 12-1 each Monday (88.3 FM or wcbn.org/hotinhere), co-chair the African Development and Human Security Project, and help organize a year-long speaker series on Gender, Development and Human Security in Africa.”

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