SNRE MS and MLA Career Information

From 2008-2009 the School of Natural Resources and Environment graduated 84 MS and MLA students. 88% (74/84) of these recent graduates responded to a survey - 89% MS (68/76) and 75% MLA (6/8). The information below was compiled with data gathered from these graduates.

Quick Facts:
- 91% of working graduates are in the natural resources and environment field
- 34% of survey respondents had a dual degree (some examples of a dual degree with Natural Resources and Environment are Business, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Engineering, Law, Public Policy, and Urban Planning)
- 8% of graduates were international students
- On average, SNRE MS/MLA graduates found a job within 4-5 months of beginning their job search
- 90% of SNRE graduates working in the NRE field are very satisfied or satisfied with their current job.
- The majority of our students secured their job through networking, an internship, or an on-line job posting.
- Continuing Education: 7% (5/74) are currently pursuing additional education (4 PhD, 1 JD) and 4% (3/74) are planning on furthering their education (PhD) in 2010

Where SNRE MS and MLA Graduates are Employed

Salary Information

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

Yearly Averages:
- Overall $54,549
- Dual Degree Students (MS/MBA, MS/Law, MS/MLA, etc.) $75,000
- MS/MLA Graduates $46,974

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
from the 2008-2009 survey of alumni

Government
City of Ann Arbor (Environmental Programs Assistant)
Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (Landscape Designer*)
Huron-Clinton Metroparks (Natural Resources Technician)
Maryland Energy Administration (Clean Energy Program Manager)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Knauss Fellow)
Peace Corps (Protected Areas Management Advisor)
USDA Forest Service Sierra National Forest (Natural Resource Specialist**) 
USDA Forest Service Mt. Hood (Restoration Biologist)
USDA Forest Service International Programs (Russia, Europe, and Near Asia Specialist: forest & natural resource management)
USDA Forest Service Sequoia National Forest (GIS Specialist)
US DOE (Energy Technology Program Specialist**)
US EPA (Biologist)
US EPA Great Lakes (Environmental Scientist**)
Virginia Outdoors Foundation (Stewardship Specialist)

Private
Conservation Design Forum (Assistant Designer*)
Forest Carbon Offsets, LLC (Project Developer)
Franklin Associates, a Division of Eastern Research Group (Sustainability and LCA Analyst)
Great Lakes Environmental Center (Lab and Field Assistant)
Hamilton Anderson Associates (Landscape Architect Intern*)
Sakti3 (Business Development & Strategy for a Cleantech Startup)
Self-employed (Consultant in Geotech)
Strategic Energy Group (Senior Associate in Energy Efficiency)
Walmart (Associate Marketing Manager - Sustainability)

Non-Governmental/Non-Profit
Bank Information Center (Climate Finance Coordinator)
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (Associate Program Officer)
Clean Water Action (1Sky Campaign Organizer)
CleanLaunch (Director of Finance)
Dairy Management Inc. (Sustainability Relationship Manager)
Environmental Defense Fund (Project Manager, Corporate Partnerships)
Oregon Natural Desert Association (Climate Change Coordinator)
Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Regional Land Conservation Manager)
Recycle Ann Arbor (Residential Energy Services Coordinator)
World Wildlife Fund (Agriculture/Supply Chain)

Academic
Eastside College Preparatory School (Faculty)
Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute (Research Assistant)
Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (Natural Areas Manager)
Michigan State University (Academic Specialist/Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Program)
University of Michigan Biological Station (Information Manager)
University of Michigan SNRE (Research Assistant)

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

SNRE Presidential Management Fellows
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 four SNRE students are selected annually as PMF finalists and have gone on to serve with agencies such as the USDA Forest Service, NOAA, DOE, OMB, EPA and others.

www.snre.umich.edu/career_services/presidential_management_fellowship_program
At SNRE, each of our nine fields of study has a career specific website:
- Aquatic Sciences: Research and Management
- Behavior, Education and Communication
- Conservation Biology
- Environmental Informatics: GIS and Modeling
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Policy and Planning
- Landscape Architecture
- Sustainable Systems
- Terrestrial Ecosystems

http://snre.umich.edu/career_services/resources#fos

SNRE Career Advantage
Wesley Wong,
2008 MS Graduate
Conservation Biology

Wesley currently works for the USDA Forest Service as a Restoration Biologist.

“Most of my coworkers were trained and practice as specialists, yet our physical and political landscapes demand holistic solutions. As a multidisciplinary biologist, I need to be fluent in aquatic, terrestrial, social, and political ecology to be effective. SNRE gave me that integrated perspective. From local communities dependent on logging, to preservationist groups that sue the government, I am responsible for listening to competing interests about public lands. While coordinating habitat restoration projects, I try thinking like a botanist, a civil engineer, a native plant nurseryman, a hunter, and a trout.”

-Keri is pictured with her dogs Shaggy and Auburn while hiking in the hills outside of Fort Collins Colorado. She was staying in Colorado during the summer to work on her Aurora Master’s Project (taking the carbon footprint of an organic dairy farm).

SNRE Career Advantage
Keri Macklin, 2009 MS Graduate
Sustainable Systems

Keri currently works for the Strategic Energy Group as a Senior Associate (Energy Efficiency Engineer)

“The multi-disciplinary nature of my MS gave me the flexibility to design my own degree. The result is a Masters Degree which has complemented my undergraduate degree and previous work experience to truly move my career into the next level.”

Employment Sector Quick Facts
- Of the MS students working in the private sector, approximately 38% go into consulting
- Of the students working in the government sector, 62% work for the Federal Government
SNRE’s on-line career system allows students and alumni to search for jobs and internships, network with other students, alumni and employers, see calendar of career events, and learn more about environmental employers that are hiring!

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

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

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

SNRE Career Advantage
William Walter,
2009 MS Graduate & PMF Fellow
Sustainable Systems

William currently works for the EPA’s Great Lakes National Program Office as an Environmental Scientist

“SNRE was a vital step towards refining both specific and general skills necessary to succeed, while developing a systematic, knowledgeable view on environmental issues and their solutions. The program allowed me the freedom to explore my interests and fully understand the world of possibilities out there and the many different skill sets necessary to fill them.”

-William is pictured at the Alaskan Pipeline.

“The University of Michigan is a non-discriminatory affirmative action educator and employer.”

Alumni Networking:
- SNRE has over 7,500 living alumni
- Many alumni are interested in hiring our students and often post positions on eRecruiter
- Students and alumni have access to networking profiles on eRecruiter

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