SNRE PhD Career Information

From 2004-2009 the School of Natural Resources and Environment graduated 70 PhD students. 86% (60) of these recent PhD graduates responded to a survey. The information below was compiled with data gathered from these graduates.

Quick Facts:
- 97% of working graduates are in the natural resources and environment field
- 98% of working graduates are very satisfied or satisfied with their current job
- The majority of our PhD graduates work in the academic sector; PhD graduates working in the private, government, and non-profit sectors are split equally
  - The majority of our recent grads (1-5 years out of school) in the academic sector work as assistant professors (53%), with post doctoral positions close behind (31%)
  - 71% of graduates in the private sector work in consulting
  - Of those graduates who work in the governmental sector, 29% (2) work in state government and 71% (5) work for a federal government
- 27% of graduates were international students
- On average, SNRE PhD graduates found a job within 7 months of beginning their job search. 29% of PhD graduates had a job before commencement, 7% returned to a previous position.

The above charts are based on data from graduates working in the Natural Resources and Environment field.
### PhD Graduates at Work by Employment Sector

#### Academic: Faculty Positions
- Dartmouth College
- Florida State University
- Green Mountain College
- Michigan State University
- Oberlin College
- Portland State University
- Purdue University
- Simon Fraser University (Canada)
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- University for Peace (Costa Rica)
- University of California, Davis
- University of Virginia
- University of Waterloo (Canada)
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
- Whitman College
- Youngstown State University

#### Academic: Non-Faculty Positions
- Australian National University (Australia)
- De Montfort University, Institute of Energy & Sustainable Development (United Kingdom)
- Korea University (Korea)
- Michigan State University
- Oregon State University, Institute for Natural Resources
- Purdue University
- Tel Aviv University, School of Management and School of Environmental Studies (Israel)
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Illinois
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Michigan
- University of York (United Kingdom)

#### Non-Governmental/Non-Profit
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Fritz Institute
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Marine Conservation Biology Institute
- Strategic Energy Innovations
- The Wilderness Society
- The Woods Hole Research Center

#### Multilateral Organization
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- The World Bank

#### Private
- CDM, Inc.
- Environmental Resources Management, Inc.
- Ford Motor Company, Research and Advanced Engineering
- Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
- International Resources Group
- M-Care Enterprises Limited (Zimbabwe)
- McKinsey and Company, Climate Change Practice

#### Government
- Argonne National Laboratory
- Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (Puerto Rico)
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
- US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management
- Washington State Department of Ecology

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**SNRE Offers Two Doctoral Degrees**

*(Landscape Architecture and Natural Resources and Environment)*

SNRE PhD has two primary tracks: Resource Ecology Management (REM), with an ecology and hard science focus, and Resource Policy and Behavior (RPB), with a social science focus.
“A major contribution for my professional career was the culturally and professionally diverse environment at SNRE (also at UM). It helped to strengthen, sharpen and test my interpersonal-collaborative skills, which have been a critical tool for my current position.” --Miguel Garcia, Director of Fisheries and Wildlife, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, 2004 SNRE PhD Graduate

“Here we are pulling out a seine net with the DNR Secretary and Puerto Rican fishermen. This practice is considered illegal and these stakeholders wanted to show us that it was not as destructive as previously thought!”  
Miguel is in the white polo shirt.

“SNRE offers a broad range of knowledge and analytical skills cutting across both natural and social sciences. By taking advantage of this diversity I was actually able to gain a competitive advantage over some of my colleagues who came from a more traditional single-discipline doctoral track.”

--David Katz, Porter Fellow, Tel Aviv University - School of Management and School of Environmental Studies, 2008 SNRE PhD Graduate

**Salary Information**

Data is from PhD graduates (1-5 years after graduation) working in the US, full-time, in the Natural Resources and Environment field

**Yearly Averages:**

- Overall $64,739
- Private $83,000
- Government $69,200
- Assistant Professor $68,458
- Non-Governmental/Non-Profit $67,183
- Postdoctoral/Research $43,500
eRecruiter (www.erecruiter.snre.umich.edu)
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

**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](http://www.snre.umich.edu/career_services/resources)

**Alumni Networking:**
- SNRE has over 7,000 living alumni
- Many alumni are interested in hiring our students and often post positions on eRecruiter
- Students and alumni have access to profiles on eRecruiter for networking of environmental professionals

“**The flexibility in developing an interdisciplinary curriculum provided me with the breadth of knowledge necessary to develop a broad research agenda to explore environmental challenges within the energy industry.**”

--Corrie Clark, Environmental Policy Analyst and Sustainable Systems Engineer, Argonne National Laboratory, 2008 SNRE PhD Graduate

**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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