SNRE MS and MLA Career Information
From 2009-2010 the School of Natural Resources and Environment graduated 122 MS and MLA students. 75% (92/122) of these recent graduates responded to a survey - 77% MS (83/108) and 64% MLA (9/14). The information below was compiled with data gathered from these graduates.

Quick Facts:
- 95% of full-time working graduates are in the natural resources and environment (NRE) field
- 39% of survey respondents had a dual degree (some examples of a dual degree with Natural Resources and Environment are Business, Public Health, Engineering, Law, Public Policy, and Urban Planning)
- 3% of survey respondents were international students
- On average, SNRE MS and MLA graduates found a job within 5 months of beginning their job search
- 93% of SNRE graduates working in the NRE field are very satisfied or satisfied with their current job.
- The majority of our graduates secured their job through an on-line job posting, networking, or an internship.
- Continuing Education: 8% (7/93) are currently pursuing additional education (5 PhD, 1 MLA, 1 MBA) and 3% (3/93) are planning on furthering their education (PhD, M.Ed) in 2011

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 $57,915
- Dual Degree Students (MS/MBA, MS/Law, MS/MLA, etc.) $75,050
- MS and MLA Graduates $45,200

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 Full-Time
from the 2009-2010 survey of alumni

**Government**
- Argonne National Laboratory (Principal Transportation Systems Analyst)
- Colorado Division of Wildlife (Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspector)
- Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (Natural Resource Technician)
- US Department of Commerce, NOAA (Ecologist/National Coordinator for Species Recovery Grants to Tribes Program)
- US DOI, Bureau of Land Management (Presidential Management Fellow, Renewable Energy Project Manager)
- US DOI, Fish and Wildlife Service (Fish Habitat Fellow)
- US General Services Administration (Financial Economist/GHG Inventory Lead)
- USDA Forest Service (Presidential Management Fellow)
- USDA Forest Service (Presidential Management Fellow, Biological Scientist*)
- USDA Forest Service (Presidential Management Fellow, Program Specialist)
- Vermont Judiciary, Environmental Division of Superior Court (Law Clerk)

**Academic**
- Calvin College (Project Manager, Plaster Creek Stewards; Acting Director, Native Landscapes)
- Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research (Research Associate)
- Michigan Tech Research Institute (Researcher)
- Springwater Environmental Sciences Charter School (Teacher)
- University of California, Davis (Program Manager, Sustainable Transportation Energy Pathways Program)

**Private**
- Apex Wind Energy (Project Manager)
- Architectural Expressions, LLP (Architectural Intern)
- Barr Engineering (Water Resources Engineer)
- Black & Veatch (Renewable Energy Consultant)
- Blue Tree Strategies (Consultant and Director of Operations)
- California Environmental Associates (Consultant)
- Campbell Grading, Inc (Project Coordinator, Assistant*)
- China Beijing Environment Exchange (Business Manager) - China
- Cisco Systems (Value Chain Compliance & Social Responsibility Program Manager)
- DTE Energy (Associate)
- Enbridge (Operations Coordinator)
- Garcia and Associates (Biologist)
- Genencor International (LCA Specialist)
- H.T. Harvey and Associates (Landscape Design Intern*)
- ICF International (Impacts and Adaptation Associate)
- Johnson Controls (Sustainability Programs Manager)
- McKinsey (Consultant)
- MDA Information Systems, Inc. (Geospatial Analyst)
- Nalu Energy (President)
- National Grid (Senior Analyst, Analysis and Process Improvement)
- Stratus Consulting (Associate)
- SunEdison (Solar Project Finance Manager)
- SunGard (Director of Sustainability)
- SunPower Corporation (Market Analyst, Channel Development)
- Tegn3 AS (Landscape Architect*) - Norway
- The Dow Chemical Company (Finance Manager)
- The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio (Associate Landscape Designer*)
- Waste Management (Strategic Analyst)

**Non-Governmental/Non-Profit**
- Casey Trees (Arborist*)
- Center for Automotive Research (Industry Analyst)
- Centre for Environment Education (Project Officer) - India
- Center for Environment Education (Project Officer) - India
- Gas Technology Institute (Associate Energy Market Analyst)
- Great Lakes Commission (Sea Grant Fellow)
- International Wildlife Refuge Alliance (Landscape Designer*)
- Michigan Nature Association (Regional Stewardship Organizer)
- National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (Policy Associate)
- National Wildlife Federation (Agriculture Program Coordinator)
- Northern Plains Resource Council (Community Organizer, Lobbyist)
- SE Michigan Regional Energy Office (Outreach Specialist)
- Sierra Nevada Alliance (Program Associate, Regional Climate Change Program)
- Stokes Nature Center (Teacher/Lead Naturalist)
- Worldwatch Institute (Communications Assistant)

*Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) positions denoted with an *
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

Employment Sector Quick Facts

- Of the MS students working in the private sector, approximately 30% go into consulting.
- Of the students working in the government sector, 73% work for the Federal Government.

SNRE Career Advantage

Amy Mikus, 2010 MS Graduate
Aquatic Sciences (dual degree with Engineering)

Amy currently works for Barr Engineering as a Water Resources Engineer

“My dual degree in engineering and natural resources was a valuable asset during my job search. Everyone who interviewed me commented on how important the overlap of those skill sets would be when working for their company.”

-SNRE Career Advantage

John Cawood, 2010 MS Graduate
Behavior, Education and Communication

John currently works for the Elmhurst Park District as an Environmental Education Instructor

“I believe my supervisor hired me because of the MS degree with a focus in environmental education. There were many other qualified candidates with several years of experience, but I think the degree showed how important the field is to me. At SNRE I took a diverse set of courses that built on my previous knowledge and values for the environment, and now I am able to apply what I learned in school to do what I really want to do – help others discover the natural world.”

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-Amy is pictured measuring water turbidity while at work.
SNRE’s on-line career system allows students and alumni to search for jobs and internships, see a calendar of career events, and learn more about environmental employers that are hiring!

**Students can:**
- Post resumes
- Apply for jobs online
- Receive customized job postings via email
- View and RSVP for career events

**Alumni can:**
- Post resumes
- Apply for jobs online
- Receive customized job postings

**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)

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

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**SNRE Career Advantage**

**Dan Wilson,**
2010 MS Graduate
Sustainable Systems (dual degree with Engineering)

Dan currently works for Black & Veatch as a Renewable Energy Consultant

“My experience at SNRE helped prepare for my current job by exposing me to a wide variety of disciplines, allowing me to work with students from other backgrounds, and giving me concrete experience as a consultant to a real client during my Master’s project.”

-Dan is pictured in Great Sand Dunes National Park in the San Luis Valley in southeastern Colorado.

**Alumni Networking:**
- SNRE has over 7,600 living alumni
- Many alumni are interested in hiring our students and often post positions on eRecruiter
- Join our “SNRE” LinkedIn Group

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