SNRE PhD Career Information

From 2006-2011 the School of Natural Resources and Environment graduated 68 PhD students. 79% (54) of these recent PhD graduates responded to a survey; 25% of respondents were international students. The information below was compiled with data gathered from these graduates.

Quick Facts:

- 98% of working PhD graduates are in the natural resources and environment field
- 94% of working PhD graduates are “very satisfied” (58%) or “satisfied” (36%) with their current job
- The majority of our PhD graduates work in the academic sector; this year’s data analysis of 2006-2011 graduates showed a slight increase in PhD graduates working in the government sector and a slight decrease in PhD graduates working in NGO’s when compared to last year’s data
- The majority of our recent grads (1-5 years out of school) in the academic sector work in post doctoral positions (48%), followed by assistant professors (30%)
- Of those graduates who work in the governmental sector (U.S.), 90% work for the federal government
- On average, SNRE PhD graduates in the NRE field found a job within 6-7 months of beginning their job search. 61% of PhD graduates had a job on or before commencement and 4% returned to a previous position. On average, those that were not employed at the time of graduation found employment within 4-5 months of graduating

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

**Academic: Faculty Positions**
- Grace College
- Green Mountain College
- Michigan State University
- National Institute of Development Administration (Thailand)
- State University of New York
- University of California, Davis
- University of Waterloo (Ontario, Canada)
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
- Youngstown State University

**Academic: Non-Faculty Positions**
- Academia Sinica (Taiwan)
- Colby College
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
- Hosei University (Japan)
- Lafayette College
- Melbourne Institute of Technology (Australia)
- Michigan State University
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- Tel Aviv University, School of Management and School of Environmental Studies (Israel)
- University of Colorado
- University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom)
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Michigan
- Youngstown State University

**Non-Governmental/Non-Profit**
- Huron River Watershed Council
- The Field Museum
- The Keystone Center
- The Wilderness Society
- The Woods Hole Research Center

**Private**
- ConocoPhillips
- FoodWiki, LLC
- Ford Motor Company
- Lockheed Martin
- Lucida Science Communication (Japan)
- M-Consulting Group (Zimbabwe)

**Government**
- Argonne National Laboratory
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) (Australia)
- Korea Environment Institute (Korea)
- Maryland Judiciary
- Pacific Northwest National Lab operated by Battelle
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Army
- U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Department of State

**Multilateral Institution**
- The World Bank

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SNRE Offers Two Doctoral Degrees
Landscape Architecture and Natural Resources and Environment

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SNRE Career Advantage

“SNRE allowed me to study a subject that cut across disciplines and positioned me for a career not defined by traditional barriers.”
--Nick White, Evaluation Director, Maryland Judiciary (2009 SNRE PhD Graduate)
Nick is pictured at Yosemite Valley in California

The majority of graduates secured their job through an on-line job posting, networking, or a faculty member referral.

Check out our PhD Career Resources: www.snre.umich.edu/career_services/resources#phdcareer

Where SNRE PhD Graduates are Employed

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Salary Information
Data is from PhD graduates (1-5 years after graduation) working full-time, in the Natural Resources and Environment field that provided salary information.

Yearly Averages:
- Overall $69,048
- Government $71,974
- Assistant Professor $67,338
- Non-Governmental/Non-Profit $74,800
- Postdoctoral/Research $48,545
- Private $101,667 (only three data points reported)

Multilateral Organization (too few data points to report an average)
eRecruiter (www.erecruiter.snre.umich.edu)
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 and Alumni can:
• Post CVs
• Apply for jobs and internships online
• Receive customized job postings via email

Employers can:
• Post job and internships
• Search student resumes & CVs
• Set up on campus visits

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

Alumni Networking:
• SNRE has over 7,200 living alumni
• Many alumni are interested in hiring our students and often post positions on eRecruiter
• Students and alumni can join the SNRE LinkedIn Group for networking with fellow students and alumni

Message from the Associate Dean
“Ph.D. students at SNRE are able to work with world-class scholars and researchers on the SNRE faculty, which is highly interdisciplinary and collaborative, while also interacting with faculty from the 18 other schools and colleges at Michigan. SNRE faculty are committed to the mentoring and training of our PhD students and proud that their students go on to be leaders in their fields. At SNRE you have the flexibility to be very creative in your research questions and approaches. The program is highly individualized, tailored to the needs and goals of each PhD candidate by their advisor and dissertation committee. Financial support from advisors, SNRE, and UM is strong. We have 50 current SNRE PhD students who have a strong social network and sense of community and who are key in shaping SNRE’s leadership on environmental issues and sustainability.”

William S. Currie, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Associate Professor
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