



## **SEEKING OUTSTANDING APPLICANTS TO PURSUE INTERDISCIPLINARY MS or PHD DEGREE PROGRAM IN CONSERVATION SCIENCE**

The University of Maine seeks outstanding applicants for a transdisciplinary [Conservation Science and Practice, NSF Research Traineeship \(NRT\) program](#) that will prepare the next generation of conservation leaders. These scholars will integrate biophysical and social sciences in collaborative, engaged, and solutions-driven research, professional development, and coursework on resilient conservation of natural resources. The involvement of faculty from multiple academic units at the University of Maine allows students to earn graduate degrees in Communication, Forest Resources, Wildlife Ecology, or Ecology and Environmental Sciences, while participating in our graduate specialization in Conservation Science.

Transdisciplinary research and active learning experiences central to the program will address governance frameworks, biodiversity conservation, sustainable rural livelihoods and resource dependent economies, stewardship values, citizen science and participation, and spatial sciences. Our goal is to build a well-trained and experienced workforce to advance conservation solutions that will ultimately lead to enhanced resilience of socio-ecological systems in Maine and beyond.

This innovative program includes:

- Participation in a new graduate specialization in Conservation Science.
- Courses that provide theoretical and research foundations in socio-ecological resilience and science communication.
- Internships with one of our federal, tribal, state, or NGO partners to master STEM professional skills.
- Transdisciplinary research projects.
- Mentoring by faculty from multiple academic departments.

**If you are interested in our program, please contact faculty members in our leadership team to inquire if they are accepting new graduate students. Also please use the form found at this link (<https://umaine.edu/conservationscience/prospective-students/>) to indicate your interest in this program and submit materials. This information will allow us to contact prospective students if positions become available, and make your information available to our faculty. *Deadline to apply for NRT assistantships is Jan 15th, 2021.***

Send additional inquiries to our Program Coordinator, Sabrina Morano ([umconsci@maine.edu](mailto:umconsci@maine.edu)).

**Please see our website (<https://umaine.edu/conservationscience/>) for additional information on our program, the application process, and a listing of NRT faculty (<https://umaine.edu/conservationscience/our-team/leadership-team/>).**

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