

The Vera M. Wallach Graduate Scholarship

Graduate Student Award Michigan State University

We are pleased to announce the competition for the 2021 award of the Vera M. Wallach Scholarship for Wildlife Ecology or Management of Wildlife. One or two awards will be made, if there are qualified applicants, in the range of **\$3,000 to \$6,000**. This award is for Michigan State University Graduate Students studying wildlife management, wildlife ecology, or natural resource management, or conducting Arctic and Antarctic research, with emphasis on the protection and preservation of wildlife in those regions. Priority shall be given to students who are citizens or residents of Denmark, or the US, in that order. Scholarships shall not be granted to students who are citizens or resident of other countries unless they agree in writing to return to their country of origin or repay the scholarship. **Funds for this award will be distributed during the spring semester after acknowledgment of award has been received.**

Criteria used in selection process:

- Studying wildlife management, ecology, or natural resource management, or conducting Arctic or Antarctic research, with emphasis on protection and preservation of wildlife in those regions.
- Applicant must be either a matriculating graduate student or a current graduate student in good standing.
- Is the applicant a citizen or resident of Denmark or the US?
- Overall quality of the application materials. [how well they are prepared and written]
- Overall past academic performance (grades, honors, accomplishments such as publications)
- Financial need and clear benefit tied to the award. I.e., the funding is needed to cover operations and/or living costs as there is no funding for an RA etc., or the funding will be used for some specific purpose to improve the graduate education experience, or potentially be useful as a recruiting fellowship.
- Strength of letters of reference in terms of the potential future contributions of the student to a career in wildlife conservation. One letter must be from the MSU graduate advisor.

Application information and materials are included below.

For questions regarding this fellowship, contact:

Sharon Reasoner, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

Phone: 517.353.0647, e-mail: reasoner@msu.edu

DEADLINE: January 27, 2021 (materials must be RECEIVED by this date to be eligible)

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE VERA M. WALLACH FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 27, 2021 (all materials must be RECEIVED by this date)

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS PREFERRED!!!

***FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL RESULT
IN THE APPLICATION NOT BEING REVIEWED***

APPLICATION MATERIALS.

- I. **Completed DATA FORM** (see next page)
- II. **Short (not to exceed one typed, single-spaced page) statement indicating the relationship of their graduate work to wildlife management, wildlife ecology, or natural resource management, or the conduct of Arctic and Antarctic research, with emphasis on the protection and preservation of wildlife in those regions, and more generally to the award criteria.** The statement should indicate the importance of the graduate work. The statement should also indicate types of financial support previously received as a graduate student, current support, and expected support through the duration of their program. Students should indicate how they would use the scholarship funds if awarded.
- III. **Confidential Letter of Support from Major Advisor.** Student should request a letter from their intended or current major advisor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at MSU. This letter should include faculty assessment of student performance toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner, student's financial need, and student's qualification in general, relative to the award criteria. Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner.
- IV. **Additional Confidential Reference Letter.** Students should request a letter of support from someone who is knowledgeable about the student's academic and / or professional goals. Reference should comment on student's potential for excellence in research area and future promise. Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner.
- V. **Current CV or Resume**

Submit materials to:

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Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
13 Natural Resources Building
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1222

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Fax: 517-432-3502

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DATA FORM

(Please complete and include this DATA FORM as a cover sheet to the applicant's nomination materials).

APPLICANT:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address (Office) _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

MS or PhD (circle one)

Thesis or Dissertation Title: _____

Thesis or Dissertation Advisor: _____

My thesis or dissertation focuses on (circle best match)

Wildlife Ecology Wildlife Management Natural Resource Management Other

My thesis or dissertation focuses on the Arctic or Antarctic (circle one): Yes No

Citizenship/residence (for purposes other than attending graduate school) (circle one)

United States Denmark Other

Semester Accepted into the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife: _____

Anticipated Graduate Date: _____