

## The Vera M. Wallach Graduate Scholarship

### Graduate Student Award Michigan State University

We are pleased to announce the competition for the 2017 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.

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., either the funding is needed to cover operations and 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](mailto:reasoner@msu.edu)

**DEADLINE: January 20, 2017 (materials must be RECEIVED by this date to be eligible)**

## REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE VERA M. WALLACH FELLOWSHIP

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 20, 2017 (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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13 Natural Resources Building  
Michigan State University  
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Fax: 517-432-3502

**Vera M Wallach**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_