Department of

Forest and Rangeland

Stewardship

How to apply to the Master of Natural Resources Stewardship

Read more about the Master of Natural Resources Stewardship (MNRS) professional degree here.

**Step 1. Apply Online and Pay Application Fee**

Each application incurs a fee of $60 for domestic applicants or $70 for international applicants.

Visit our application online to apply. This is a new process and we thank you for your patience as we are still working out kinks.

**Step 2. Submit Application Materials**

We are currently implementing our web-based application process. Spring 2016 applicants will submit materials to the department while Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 applicants will upload to the electronically.

- Statement of Purpose
  - Be focused. Include your educational and long term goals, and how the MNRS program will contribute to both.
- Resume or CV
  - Outline professional employment, collegiate work, volunteer activities, and any publications, exhibitions, service activities, prizes, awards and other recognitions.
- Three letters of recommendation from the following:
  - previous or current college/university instructors
  - previous or current immediate professional supervisors
  - observers other than supervisors who can verify the specific impact of your professional or intellectual expertise. Letters from friends, relatives or character witnesses are considered only supplemental to the three required reference letters.
- One official transcript from every institution you have attended including institutions where coursework was brief and/or seemingly unrelated to the program(s) you wish to pursue. Exception: coursework completed at Colorado State University; you do not need to send transcripts from CSU. **An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better is required for admission into Graduate School.**
- International applicants only: Immigration Document Request Form.
- Applicants from non-English speaking countries must submit an official report of your TOEFL or IELTS scores. CSU requires a minimum TOEFL score of 213 (computer based), 550 (paper based), or 80 (internet based) or an IELTS score of 6.5 or better for admission without condition. The CSU Graduate School will only accept TOEFL or IELTS scores taken within two years prior to admission. **Copies of score reports issued to you or another party are not acceptable.** Please see the testing organization website for information on ordering reports: [http://www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) and [http://ielts.org](http://ielts.org).
Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline to apply to the graduate programs?
We have rolling admissions and evaluate applications as they arrive. Late applications may experience delays that prohibit them from being evaluated in time. Applications and materials should be received prior to July 15 for the Fall term and November 15 for the Spring term.

Is there a form for the letters of reference?
No, there is no form for the letters of reference.

Can I send a photocopy of my transcripts?
No, we must have official copies of all your transcripts.

Transcripts should be sent to the Graduate Admissions department at the address listed above or use institution code 4075 when requesting electronic transcripts.

Do I need to send transcripts if I didn’t get a degree at the college, if the subject area was unrelated to the program I am applying for, if it was a very long time ago, or if it is a foreign university and difficult to get transcripts from?
Yes! We require official transcripts from every institution you have attended, regardless of how long ago it was, how relevant the material studied is to your current interests, and whether or not you completed a degree at that institution. This includes any dual credit and community and technical colleges. There are two exceptions: 1) you do not need to submit Colorado State University transcripts with your application; and 2) if you participated in a study abroad program through a U.S. institution, transcripts are required from the foreign institution only when the U.S. school does not list the course names, credits and grades on its transcript. We do not need copies of your high school transcripts.

How do I get an assistantship?
Research assistantships are generally not available for students pursuing the MNRS professional degree. Teaching assistantship notices are circulated using the graduate student listserv.

How will I know when my application is complete?
Applicants can view the status of their application at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or check on updates.

My undergraduate degree is not in natural resources. Can I still be considered for the MNRS program?
Yes, many of our students come from diverse backgrounds. Depending on your undergraduate coursework, you may be required to take more prerequisite courses to compensate for any academic deficiencies in your chosen area of study.
More questions?
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