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.

**Spring 2016 applicants:**
Fill out and submit the [online application](#).

**Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 applicants:**
Visit our [application](#) to apply for Fall 2016 or future terms.

**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).

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**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 should be received prior to August 1 for the Fall term and December 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.

**Spring 2016 applicants**
Paper transcripts must be received in unopened envelopes from the institution, while electronic transcripts should be sent from the institution to Simone Short, WCNR_FRS_DeptAdmin@mail.colostate.edu.

**Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 applicants**
Should have transcripts 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 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?
Spring 2016 applicants
Will receive two emails from the Department. The first, sent when we receive the on-line application, will list any missing application materials. The second will be sent once all of your application materials are received.

You can send an email to WCNR_FRS_DeptAdmin@mail.colostate.edu and ask about the status of your application. Be sure to include your name. You can also check on RamWeb (https://ramweb.colostate.edu/) to see if your GRE scores and/or ETS/IELTS scores have arrived at CSU yet.

Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 applicants
Can view the status of their application at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or check on updates. This new online application status is only available to applicants for Fall 2016 and beyond

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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