How to apply to the Masters of Natural Resources Stewardship

Step 1. Apply Online and Pay Application Fee

The application is available online. Each application incurs a fee of $60 for domestic applicants or $70 for international applicants.

Things you'll need when applying:

- **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.
- **For international applicants to on-campus programs**: Immigration Document Request Form. This is not required for applicants to online degree programs who do not intend to move to the US for school.
- **Three references**: Provide contact information (email and phone number) for three references. CSU will contact these individuals and explain how to submit a letter of recommendation. The references should come from at least two of the following categories (for example, one college professor and two supervisors):
  - 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.

Step 2. Order Transcripts

Request official transcripts from every institution you have attended, including institutions where coursework was brief and/or seemingly unrelated to the program(s) you wish to pursue. There are two exceptions: 1) you do not need to submit Colorado State University transcripts; 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. All international transcripts must include a certified translation into English. A GPA of 3.0 or above from the highest, most recent degree earned is required for admission into Graduate School.

Use institution code 4075 when requesting electronic transcripts. Application materials that cannot be uploaded electronically should be sent to: Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University- Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO USA 80523-1062

Step 3. Order TOEFL or IELTS scores [if applicable]

An official report of your TOEFL or IELTS scores is required of all international applicants from non-English speaking countries. 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.
Copies of score reports issued to you or another party are not acceptable, but you only need to submit your official scores to CSU once regardless of the number of programs, departments, or even colleges you are pursuing for admission.

The Education Testing Service, ETS, administers TOEFL exams. Request that your scores be sent to CSU when you take your exam. The institution code is 4075 and the department code is 0108. ETS will send your scores to CSU electronically where they will be automatically matched with your application(s). We generally receive your results within 4-6 weeks of your testing date.

If you did not initially request that your scores be sent to CSU, you can order additional reports by contacting ETS. Please see the ETS website for more information. ETS will send the reports directly to CSU; it generally takes 4-6 weeks for reports to arrive and be processed.

The CSU Graduate School will only accept TOEFL or IELTS scores taken within two years prior to admission.

**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.

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?** Contact: Simone Short  
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