The Graduate School at Michigan State University is pleased to announce the competition for the annual award of the Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt Conservation and Environmental Leadership Fellowship. The purpose of this award is to provide an opportunity for graduate or professional students to achieve a level of professional and personal growth that will prepare them for leadership roles in natural resource and conservation based organizations and agencies. The intent of the endowment is to enable individuals to participate in experiential leadership workshops and programs related to conservation of our natural and environmental resources at scales ranging from local to global. **Award(s)** will be issued each year provided a suitable applicant can be identified. Fellowships will be approximately **$2500 or more depending on funding availability.** Fellowship dollars must be used by the recipient to help further their professional development as a future leader. Example programs (not an all inclusive list) include the Great Lakes Leadership Academy, National Conservation Leadership Program, and Natural Resources Leadership Development Program. Students are encouraged to suggest additional leadership training opportunities to be considered by the selection committee. Travel in support of discipline-specific conferences is not appropriate. Students must confirm acceptance of this award to the Chair of the Selection Committee prior to release of fellowship funds; including acknowledging donor support of the fellowship through a written letter to the respective donor. Recipients are expected to acknowledge funding support through the Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt Conservation and Environmental Leadership Fellowship at Michigan State University when appropriate (e.g., research presentations, publications, dissertations or theses).

Eligible students:
- **Must be nominated by a MSU faculty member to be considered.**
- Can be from any college or program within the University.
- Must be interested in acquiring leadership skills relevant to conservation of natural and/or environmental resources from local to global scales.
- Must demonstrate the potential for leadership in a field of study related to conservation and environmental resource management.
- Must be an active student in pursuit of an advanced degree at MSU.
- Preference will be given to:
  - Individuals who have received fellowships at regional, national and/or international levels (e.g., University Distinguished Fellowship, University Enrichment Fellowship, Environmental Science and Policy Fellowship, National Science Foundation Doctoral Fellowships, Fenske Excellence in Fisheries Management). Fellowships from University
and allied partner which demonstrate scholastic and civic competencies will also be honored.

**WHY WAS THIS FELLOWSHIP ESTABLISHED** – Leadership is the key to effective and efficient management, protection and conservation of natural resources. To address complex interdisciplinary problems facing the health and welfare of these resources, it is necessary to foster and nurture the development of practical skill sets that enhance leadership. Management of natural and environmental resources focused on the protection of fish, wildlife and water resources is interdisciplinary in nature, bringing together knowledge and skills from disciplines such as fisheries and wildlife biology, economics, philosophy, and law. While disciplinary specific expertise is essential for the management of our state, regional, national and global natural resources, conservation professionals require a skill set rich in communication, ethics, and philosophy, policy and law, and business philosophy and procedures to lead such activities and innovate in fields requiring both science and advocacy. How natural and environmental resources are governed and managed directly connects to the theories and practices of business, including supply chain management, entrepreneurship and leadership. Increasingly, effective natural resources managers and leaders need grounded and focused opportunities to develop a more holistic experiential understanding of environmental resources management.

With an increased cognizance of scholarly activity in the arena of conservation leadership, and recognizing Michigan State University’s commitment to sustainability, this fellowship was initiated to allow graduate students from a variety of disciplines to build their capacity and acquire tools for leadership by attending experiential leadership training programs outside traditional academic settings. These fellowships are intended to help graduate students to achieve a level of professional and personal growth that prepares them for leadership roles in natural resources and conservation based organizations and agencies.

**NOMINATIONS OF STUDENTS MUST BE MADE BY A MSU FACULTY MEMBER**

Application information and materials are included below.

For questions regarding this form, contact:

Dr. Kelly Millenbah  
Chair, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation and Environmental Leadership Fellowship Committee  
Phone: 517.353.4802  
e-mail: millenba@msu.edu

**DEADLINE:** November 15, 2011 (materials must be RECEIVED by this date)
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ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS ONLY!!!

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APPLICATION MATERIALS – Materials should be submitted by the MSU Faculty Member as one Packet

I. Completed DATA FORM (see below)

II. TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT - Short (not to exceed two typed, single-spaced pages) statement indicating how the funds from this fellowship will be used to help shape the student for leadership opportunities related to conservation of our natural and environmental resources at local and global levels. Students should indicate which leadership experience they intend to participate in and whether they have applied for and been accepted to participate in the program at the time of the award. Students should describe what leadership means to them and how participation in their chosen leadership experience will further their professional development especially as it relates to conservation and the environment. Additionally, students should discuss their past leadership experience and how it is relevant to this award.

III. Confidential Letter of Nomination from MSU Faculty Member. This letter should include the faculty member’s assessment of the student’s future leadership potential regarding the conservation of our natural and environmental resources. Additionally, please assess the candidate’s progress toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner.

IV. Letter of Acceptance into Leadership Development Program (if available)

V. Candidates Current CV. CV should include educational experience, work experience, fellowships and other awards, scholarly work (including publications, presentations and grants awarded), and past leadership roles and responsibilities (if not covered in work experience).

VI. Submit materials to:

Dr. Kelly Millenbah, Chair, TRCELF, millenba@msu.edu
THEODORE (TEDDY) ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION
AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

DATA FORM

(Please complete and include this DATA FORM as a cover sheet to each copy of applicant’s nomination materials).

APPLICANT:

Name:_____

Address (Office)_____

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Phone_____

E-mail_____

☐MS or ☐PhD or ☐Other (list _____)

Department Name

Semester Accepted into Michigan State University

Anticipated Graduation Date

Cumulative GPA in Current Degree

Anticipated leadership experience you would participate in if you received this fellowship (provide URL if available)

Projected Costs of Leadership Experience:

Program Fees (if any): $

Lodging $

Meals $

TOTAL $

Contribution from Other Sources $

Student Contribution to Experience $