





Director's Message

Our environmental professional Master of Science programs are designed for dedicated problem-solvers ready to launch, grow, or shift their environmental careers.

Our students learn to think critically, integrate knowledge, master technologies, and collaborate with stakeholders. Our graduates navigate pressing challenges, strengthen environmental policies, and generate real results for real-world issues. At the Nelson Institute, we believe complex environmental problems can be solved by people like you— emerging leaders with professional skills in environmental conservation.

Together, we can make the world a better place. Join us.

-Nathan Schulfer

DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL MS PROGRAMS
NELSON INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

BE THE SOLUTION

Put science into action with a professional Master of Science degree in just 15 months. Our hands-on, fast-paced, targeted coursework coupled with a cohort model is one of the greatest benefits of our program. Small, diverse teams allow for individualized attention and a strong sense of community. You will meet our global network of conservation organizations and professional partners, joining a dedicated group of learners keen to solve the most urgent environmental challenges.

YOUR FUTURE

Our professional MS programs build on your passions and skills, preparing you for a future in a broad range of careers in environmental conservation.



of our graduates work internationally

EMPLOYED BY PROFESSION

Environmental Conservation

- **20**% Program management
- **14**% Education and outreach
- 13% Community engagement
- **12**% Communications
- 12% Conservation planning
- **29**% Other: fundraising, policy, restoration, consulting

Environmental Observation Informatics

- 43% Geospatial analysis
- 21% Research science
- 21% Data or software development
- **7**% Communications
- **7**% Business development

EMPLOYED BY SECTOR

41% Government 36% NGO 15% Industry 7% Academia

I ended up getting my dream job out of this scenario, and I wouldn't have even been considered for the job had I not been a part of the program.

> **-Stuart Illson, EOI '19** Geospatial Software Engineer, Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory



**The curricula utilized real, practical socio-environmental issues as learning tools. This helped me understand better the impact of my decisions as an environmentalist at the local and international levels. **

-Nana Sakyiwa Brown-Wood, EC '17 Program Manager, Nia Tero



...they teach us about ethics, how to listen, and how to reflect. These are the skills that give us the foundation to address any challenge.

-Kelly Green Guilbeau, EC '19
 Landscape Ecologist & Community
 Outreach Specialist, US Geological Survey



YOUR PASSION, YOUR PROJECT

We help each student craft a unique and meaningful final project. We explore your background, your professional goals, and your dreams to make the world a better place. Together, we match you with our extensive network of partners around the world.



New York City with The Nature Conservancy

It was really important to us that we integrated [the student] into the plan, not just an intern, but a full-fledged team member.

Jessica Price, project partner and Nelson Institute Alumna, '10, '16
 LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ECOLOGIST. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Washington DC with Conservation International

Working with an international organization and people from different countries and across different projects was wonderful, and I really used what I learned from the EC program, like grant writing and conservation planning, in a real-life way.

- Angélica Sánchez, EC '16

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS MANAGER, URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

Sweden with World Wildlife Fund

It was amazing to work with such knowledgeable and highly driven professionals. This experience allowed me to see the skills I'd like to strengthen and develop in my career moving forward.

- Melanie Mikkelsen, EC '20

Bangkok, Thailand with International Union for Conservation of Nature

l am happy to have made these connections, and I feel lucky to have had such a supportive team at the IUCN.



- Paxton LaJoie, EOI '20

IMAGE ANALYST WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

South Africa with Endangered Wildlife Trust

Given its compact time-frame, rigorous training and opportunities to work in the field, [the program] is ideally suited to a professional seeking to enhance their capacities and re-focus their career.

- Marika Suval, EC '18

Conservation Planning & Communications Consultant



WHY US?

Nelson Community

Supportive, interdisciplinary environment

Affordable

Lower cost than comparable programs
Financial support available to all

Livable City

Accessible, year-round recreation, five lakes, and 6,000 acres of parks in Madison

We know you!

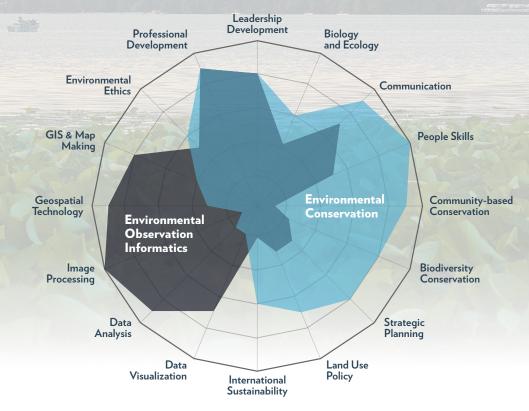
Small cohorts, dedicated staff

Professional development

Develop yourself, your career, and connect with our network

WHATYOU WILL LEARN

An evidence-based approach whether students are focused on working with people or data.



READY TO JOIN US?

Our cohorts launch every summer!
Visit our website or contact us to learn more.

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I love that we welcome students from all backgrounds, all levels of experience, and all interest areas. With our support, students find where they fit in and have the most impact.

– Meghan Kautzer
 Environmental Conservation Professional
 MS Program Coordinator









