WFC Fellowship Program Components

1. Conducting a Project

30% of your time is spent on your own research project.

Fellows propose a research topic in natural resources that will:

- take advantage of people and organizations knowledgeable in the proposed topic located in the Pacific Northwest, and
- benefit their careers when going back to their countries of origin to apply the learned knowledge.

We favor proposals that are in policy or industry or are market oriented.

Look at the final presentations from some of our alumni.

2. Networking with Public and Private Forestry Organizations in the US, Especially in the Pacific Northwest

35% of your time will be spent on group and individual study tours and meetings.

Networking is largely accomplished by site visits to forestry agencies, research labs, universities, public and private timberlands, trade associations, sawmills, and corporations. The program manager will organize approximately one group study tour per week for all Fellows to participate in (2019 Fellowship Study Tours). These trips are a required part of the program and can be very diverse in scope. Fellows will need to arrange their own individual meetings and site visits to fulfill their specific research project needs.

Some examples of places we have visited are listed below. These change every year depending on the Fellows in the program and is not a complete list.

- Government organizations
  - US Forest Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Oregon Department of Forestry
  - US Fish and Wildlife
  - Oregon State University
- Non-profit organizations and local groups
  - The Nature Conservancy
- **Columbia Land Trust**
- **Oregon Wild**

- Forestland Owners and Managers
  - **Weyerhaeuser**
  - **Ecotrust Forest Management**
  - **Hyla Woods**

- Manufacturing and processing facilities for lumber, pulp, paper, engineered wood products, and secondary wood products
  - **GreenWood Resources**
  - **Hampton Lumber**

- Discussions with key persons involved in forest certification, forest products marketing, consulting, international trade, public planning, and legislation

During the summer months of June and July, there are week-long excursions. In June, Fellows spend a week in rural Eastern Oregon on a working forest ranch. In July, Fellows go to the Redwood National and State Parks for a week. There are typically several other multi-day site visits throughout the region in the summer.

Read our blog, [2019 Fellowship Study Tours](#), detailing the places WFC Fellows have visited during their programs.

### 3. Educational Outreach

35% of your time is spent on research presentations, in-house events, and public outreach (synthesis and results interpretation).

Outreach can include formal presentations to forestry professionals, the general public, or to school groups, writing articles for publications, fielding public inquiries, or attendance and participation at conferences and events.