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Getches-Wilkinson Center Fellowship and Scholarship Information Session

Fellowship and Scholarship Information and Application Process:

<https://www.colorado.edu/center/gwc/student-resources>



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Wyss Scholar Overview

The **Wyss Foundation** is a private, charitable foundation dedicated to land conservation in the United States. The **Wyss Scholars Program** seeks to identify and nurture a new generation of leaders in U.S. land conservation issues by providing financial support to students who are **committed to careers focused on conservation**.

TWO Wyss Scholars will be selected each year on the basis of leadership potential, commitment to furthering U.S. land conservation, commitment to pursuing a career in nonprofit or public sector conservation, financial need, and academic strength.

All students interested in land conservation and sustainability issues are encouraged to apply.

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Wyss Scholar Eligibility

- ☐ Currently enrolled University of Colorado Law School 2L students.
- ☐ A demonstrated interest in pursuing a career furthering land conservation.
- ☐ Stated intention to work after graduation in a position with a non-profit organization, government agency, or other qualifying employer focused on land conservation policy and management in the west.

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Wyss Scholar Benefits

- ❑ **Up to a third of the tuition and expenses** of getting a Law degree (paid as one sixth tuition while enrolled and one sixth of the cost of attendance plus 20% of that amount payable in two installments over 24 months and intended for use by the student to repay federal student loans incurred while obtaining their degree. Postgraduate awards are given after 12 and 24 months working in a qualifying field.
- ❑ \$7,500 stipend for a required summer internship between the 2L and 3L year, with a nonprofit or public sector conservation organization (or other qualifying employer) dedicated to land conservation.
- ❑ \$3,000 to sponsor training and professional development activities for both of the Wyss Scholars and student colleagues.
- ❑ Wyss Scholar retreat, typically in the summer.
- ❑ Access Wyss Scholar network of current and past Scholars.



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Wyss Scholar Post Graduate Qualifying Employment

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Wyss Scholars who secure and maintain employment with a qualifying non-profit, government agency, or other qualified employer will be eligible to receive the two post-graduation awards.

Qualifying employers include:

- U.S. Forest Service, BLM, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or other Federal Agency in a position focused on U.S. land conservation.
- State wildlife, parks, natural resource, land or water departments, or equivalent tribal entity within.
- A nonprofit entity whose mission is to further U.S. land conservation.
- Other employers that make a substantial contribution to land conservation to be reviewed on a case by case basis at the sole discretion of the Wyss Foundation.

The post graduation awards will be divided evenly in to two payments to be made after the scholar has completed 12 and 24 months of qualifying employment. All qualifying employment must be completed, and award applications submitted within 36 months of the Scholar's graduation. Only full-time employment of 35 hours or more per week will qualify for the award (including through multiple employers totaling 35 hpw.)



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Wyss Scholar Tuition Benefits Exception

Tuition Benefits Continued

Clerkship Exception

An exception will be made for Law students who complete a one-year judicial clerkship after graduation. The Scholar will be granted an additional 12 months (48 months total) to complete the qualifying employment. The judicial clerkship does not apply as qualifying employment.

Financial Need Exception

If a Wyss Scholar has no financial need the Scholar is entitled to an award of \$4,000 together with the "Wyss Scholar" designation. The Scholar would also be entitled to apply for two post graduate awards of \$2,000 each under the terms described.

*Check with the GWC Program Administrator or the Colorado Law Financial Aid Office for more information.



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The following items must be completed and submitted as separate PDF e-mail attachments to GWC Assistant Director, Annie Carlozzi at annie.carlozzi@Colorado.edu by 11:59 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025.

- ☐ An **essay/personal statement** (500-word limit) detailing your personal and professional commitment to the field of conservation in the United States and how becoming a Wyss Scholar will enhance your career development in the conservation field.
- ☐ A professional **resume** (two pages maximum).
- ☐ An outline of your **remaining course of study and summer 2025 internship prospects** you are exploring (maximum of one page).
- ☐ A **letter of recommendation** addressing your future as a conservation leader.
- ☐ Undergraduate and Colorado Law transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted).

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Harrison Fellowship in International Water Law

The Harrison Water Law & Policy Fellowship is a summer fellowship exclusive to University of Law students. Harrison Fellows will receive monetary support to work on a specific project for a qualifying conservation organization that is advancing innovative solutions outside of the United States. Harrison Fellows will serve for no less than (8) weeks during the summer with a qualifying organization.

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Harrison Fellowship Eligibility

- ☐ Currently enrolled University of Colorado Law School students
- ☐ Students who will continue to be Colorado Law students returning in the fall
- ☐ 1Ls, 2Ls and LLMS
- ☐ Summer internship that is unpaid or underpaid (less than \$500 per week)
- ☐ Qualifying organization (a 501c3 or other non-governmental organization)
- ☐ Qualifying work in international conservation, water and/or related energy issues

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Harrison Fellowship Opportunities

- ☐ Incorporating sustainability into water supply
- ☐ Hydropower planning and development
- ☐ Describe and analyze the legal framework for water resources in another country

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Submit the following as PDF email attachments to Annie Carlozzi: annie.carlozzi@colorado.edu

- ☐ **Cover letter** with the name of the organization, the expected start and end dates/or duration of the internship, contact information for the supervisor, and a detailed description of the summer position.
- ☐ A professional **resume** (two pages maximum)
- ☐ Colorado Law **transcripts** (unofficial transcripts accepted)
- ☐ Letter or email from the organization confirming the internship offer, and agreeing to furnish regular supervision (including the name of the proposed supervisor), necessary office/workspace (for non-remote work), support and overhead for the Fellow's work.

*****If you need help finding a summer internship, please reach out to GWC for support prior to the application deadline!**

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Conscience Bay Company Western Water Policy Fellowship

The Conscience Bay Company Western Water Policy Fellowship, initiated in 2023 by leaders of the Conscience Bay Company, is awarded each year to a Colorado Law student on the basis of academic performance, commitment to public service, and interest in the study of Western water law and policy. To the extent practicable, each Conscience Bay Company Fellow will focus on a specific project in advancing innovative solutions for sustainable management of water in the Western United States.

Conscience Bay Company Fellows will serve with the Getches-Wilkinson Center for the academic year (2025-2026) and will be provided a stipend. The Fellow will produce a white paper on the relevant subject matter and present the results of their work at a seminar hosted by the GWC.

All students interested in Western Water Policy and a fellowship with GWC are encouraged to apply.



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CBC Western Water Policy Fellowship Eligibility

- ☐ Currently enrolled University of Colorado Law School students.
- ☐ Students who will continue to be Colorado Law students returning in the fall.
- ☐ 2025-2026 Applications Open Now for current 1Ls and 2Ls.

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CBC Western Water Policy Fellowship Opportunities

- ☐ 300 hour Fellowship with Getches-Wilkinson Center
- ☐ Develop an expertise in Western Water Law
- ☐ Exposure to current developments and planning and execution of educational events
- ☐ Mentorship on legal research and writing

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- ☐ A **cover letter** that specifically addresses how your interest in the Fellowship program and how your background and experience align with the position
- ☐ A professional **resume** (two pages maximum)
- ☐ Colorado Law **transcripts** (unofficial transcripts are accepted)

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Charles N. Woodruff Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Boulder law firm of Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C., in memory of Charles Woodruff ('67). This scholarship promotes excellence in the practice of natural resource law and is awarded to a student from rural Colorado who demonstrates academic excellence and functions as an intern in GWC.



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Woodruff Scholarship Eligibility

- ☐ Currently enrolled University of Colorado Law School students
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- ☐ 1Ls and 2Ls
- ☐ Student from rural Colorado (resident of rural CO at anytime)



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Woodruff Scholarship Opportunities

- ☐ Scholarship award granted in the spring through the Admissions office
- ☐ 40-50 hour Internship with Getches-Wilkinson Center
- ☐ Develop an expertise in water law and public lands
- ☐ Opportunity to lead to a longer-term Research Assistant position with GWC
- ☐ Exposure to current developments and planning and execution of educational events
- ☐ Mentorship on legal research and writing



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Woodruff Scholarship Application Process

- ❑ Watch for the Scholarship Application Announcement from Dean Jackson in the Spring 2025!

All students interested in an internship with GWC are encouraged to apply. Application will be released by the Admissions Office in late spring 2025.



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Additional Scholarship Opportunities Through Admin Office

Schultz Wildcat Scholarship

This scholarship will provide **full tuition and fees** for one year to the most deserving 3L student who is interested in a career in natural resources law, environmental law, and/or energy law. The Schultz Wildcat Scholarship is currently one of Colorado Law's few named full-tuition scholarships.

John & Cynthia Schultz Law Scholarships

2L or 3L students who demonstrate a willingness to work hard and take risks, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti Scholarship Awarded to a student who demonstrates academic excellence, and an interest in practicing litigation, water law, or environmental law.

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Additional Scholarship Opportunities Through Admin Office

Frances Green Sustainability Scholarship

2L or 3L student who has demonstrated a commitment to working for sustainability and/or the problem of reversing climate change. The recipient commits to spending 50 hours of volunteer work at an environmental organization or advocacy group pursuant to the Public Service Pledge.

Tom Lustig Environmental Scholarship

Students interested in pursuing a career in public interest environmental law. Preference may be given to those who have participated in or are participating in the Natural Resources Clinic.

Porzak Browning & Bushong, LLP (PB&B)

Awarded to students interested in pursuing careers in water law.

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FNREL Scholarship Opportunities

Legacy Scholarship Awards

Richard H. Bate Scholar

Catherine J. Boggs Scholar

Mary A. Viviano Scholar

Charles Edgar “Chuck” Moran Scholar

Frances Hartogh Diversity Outreach Scholarships

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholars

The Foundation Scholarship Awards

In 2024, FNREL awarded over \$276 thousand in scholarships to 42 students!



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FNREL Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are evaluated and awards are made by the Foundation's Scholarships Committee according to the following criteria:

- Potential to make a significant contribution to the field of natural resources law
- Academic ability
- Leadership ability
- Year in law school
- Financial need
- Foundation Student Member (Student Membership in the Foundation is **FREE** - **join today!**)

Application Deadlines for 2025-2026 Academic Year:

JD Candidates: February 28, 2025, at 12:00 am MST

LLM/SJD Candidates: March 15, 2025, at 12:00 am MDT

<https://www.fnrel.org/professors-and-students/scholarships>



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