ADMITTED STUDENTS VISITATION WEEKEND
Friday, March 31st - Saturday, April 1st, 2017
(Tentative schedule)

Join us Friday, March 31st and/or Saturday April 1st for a weekend filled with activities designed to help you decide that the Nicholas School at Duke University is the right choice for your academic and career pursuits!

Expect to participate in interactive, engaging and informative sessions and social activities providing you with a well-rounded perspective of the Master of Environmental Management (MEM) and Master of Forestry (MF) professional degree programs and life at the Nicholas School and Duke University. Past participants found the experience to be pivotal in their graduate school decision-making process. But don’t take out word for it—

2016 Admitted Students Participation Feedback:
“\textit{I was very unsure prior to admitted students weekend of which graduate program I wanted to attend. This weekend convinced me that I do want to attend Duke rather than my other graduate schools.}”

“\textit{The hospitality of the Duke faculty, staff and students was fantastic. I had an excellent experience and enjoyed learning more about the MEM program.}”

“\textit{The staff from the career center and hearing other students’ experiences was helpful since this is an emotional, transitional time.}”

“\textit{Most helpful was the alumni panel, staying with a student host, overview of Masters Project, and individual concentration break-out sessions.}”

Register now, mark your calendar, and get excited about becoming a member of the Nicholas School Community!

**Friday, March 31st, 2017**
Searle Center,
10 Searle Center Drive

This morning’s sessions will all be held in the Searle Center, West Campus. We will be meeting in the Lecture Hall (lower level). The Searle Center is located inside the Seeley G. Mudd building (located at 10 Searle Center Drive.)

8:30am \textbf{Check-in and Morning Refreshments}
Students are encouraged to stop by the registration table to pick up an information packet and name tag. Morning refreshments will be available from 8:30am until 10:15am.
9:00am  Welcome and Introduction  
Dr. Jeff Vincent,  
Dean of the Nicholas School of the Environment

9:10am  Faculty Roundtable Conversation  
(Individual Faculty and current staff TBD)

9:45am  Break for 15 minutes

10:00am  Career & Professional Development Center (CPDC)  
Karen Kirchof,  
Assistant Dean, Student Recruitment & Career Center  
Deb Wójcik, PhD,  
Director, Career and Professional Development

Opportunities Beyond the Classroom: the Nicholas School Edge  
CPDC will introduce a panel of current students who will share their varied experiences with Career Trek, EIF funding opportunities, professional development, Stanback internships. They will stress the importance of being strategic in your career planning while you are still in graduate school.

10:40am  Funding your graduate school education: Financial Aid Opportunities  
Cynthia Peters, Assistant Dean, Student Services

Learn about assistantships, work study positions and finding outside scholarships.

11:10am  Diversity and Inclusion Discussion  
Dr. Deborah Gallagher, Associate Professor of the Practice of Environmental Policy, (Current) Faculty Director, Duke Environmental Leadership Program,  
Director of Professional Studies

The Nicholas School offers many opportunities, both formal and informal, to get involved in diversity and inclusion activities throughout campus, as well as around Duke and the Durham community.

11:40am  What is a Master’s Project?  
An overview of the MP, and the wide variety of topics and subject areas that are covered in master’s projects across the school. (individual vs group projects, client-based projects)

12:10pm  Break/Lunch/ Searle Center  
Take advantage of this opportunity to chat with faculty and current students over lunch (“Table Talks”) about our MEM/MF programs.

1:15pm  We will leave the Searle Center and walk to activities in the Levine Science Research Center  
(affectionately known as the “LSRC”) and Environment Hall (“EH.”)
1:30pm  **Several Optional Activities are available to choose from:**  
(***Watch for signage to help you locate each activity :)***)

a)  **Ocean Policy Working Group (OPWG) day-long symposium.**  
Panels of current students/alums/visiting lecturers, etc. A great opportunity for admitted students to observe a student-run organization in action and listen to presentations. (Field Auditorium, Environment Hall.)

b)  **Duke Forest tour** (first come, first serve—up to 14; meet in 1st floor commons area, Environment Hall.)

2:00pm  **Individual Academic Program Area Information Sessions:**  
Join faculty and current students to learn about individual program concentrations.  
(Rooms will be assigned by that weekend and disseminated)

3:00pm  **Alumni Perspectives: The Duke Experience and Beyond**  
(***Field Auditorium, Environment Hall***)  
Panel of NIC School alumni who will describe their experiences here at the NIC School and what they are doing now

3:00pm  **Energy and the Environment Masters Project practice sessions (alternative option)**  
Interested parties can sit in and hear what is involved in Masters Project preparation for our students.

4:00pm  **Light Reception (Environment Hall, 2nd floor)**  
Mingle and network with faculty, staff, current students, alumni and your fellow admitted students.  
Student Clubs/organizations will be tabling: learn about the many clubs/organizations/interests our students represent.

6:00pm  **End of today’s activities on campus.**

8:30pm  **Campfire in the Duke Forest (Gate F) (FOREM hosted)**  
Relax and mingle with some of our current students in the Duke Forest.

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**Saturday, April 1st, 2017**

10:00am  **Light Morning Refreshments**  
(***Environment Hall, (1st floor commons area)***)

10:30am  **GROW (Green Roof Orchard Workforce) tour of Environment Hall, courtyard orchard and rooftop**  
(***Meet: Courtyard entry 1st floor, Environment Hall***)
Campus Tours
(Meet: 1st floor, LSRC lobby off Hugg Commons)

11:15am  (Break)

11:30am  Life in Durham
Join current students as they describe what it’s like being at Duke and living in Durham
(Field Auditorium) with discussions

12:30pm  “Pick-Nic!”
We hope you’ll join your admitted student peers, faculty, staff, and current students for a picnic at the end of this weekend’s activities

2:30pm  End of Admitted Students Visitation Weekend

Thanks for joining us! We hope to see you here this fall!