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Forging future leaders together Nicholas School Financial Aid Initiative



A premier interdisciplinary environmental education requires investment. The total cost of a two-year Master of Environmental Management (M.E.M.) or Master of Forestry (M.F.) degree at Duke is nearly **\$125,000**, including tuition, fees and living expenses. The Nicholas School is committed to making it's degree programs as affordable as possible, and this requires financial aid.

We admit applicants based on their merits, regardless of their ability to pay for the program, but we are not yet in a position to meet all students' entire demonstrated need. Currently, financial aid provided by scholarship endowments, the Nicholas School Annual Fund, other school resources, Duke University, and government programs provides admitted students with an average total two-year aid package of \$30,500.

As a result, prospective students often face a difficult decision: borrow heavily to cover the difference, or examine other educational options. Those who do choose the Nicholas School, graduate with an unparalleled education, but with an average debt of \$55,000.

**Closing this gap will take significant resources.
That's where you come in.**

By the Numbers

The cost to prepare
an environmental leader

**Nicholas School
M.E.M. & M.F.** 2017-18 statistics

\$39,000 ←.....
annual tuition

→ **\$125,000**
estimated total cost of two-year
program (includes living expenses)

\$30,500 ←.....
average two-year aid package
provided to Nicholas students

→ **88%**
of Nicholas students receive
some level of financial aid
to help make their graduate
education possible

\$55,000 ←.....
average debt upon graduation

→ **\$52,500**
Average annual salary for
graduates working in nonprofits
and public service



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How Can You Help

- ◆ **Gifts of any amount** can support the Nicholas School's Annual Fund. This unrestricted support enables the dean to address the school's highest priority - financial aid. A large portion of Nicholas School Annual Fund support is awarded annually to students in the form of need-based and merit-based financial aid.
- ◆ **For a gift of \$5,000 or more**, you can support one or more of the Nicholas School's existing endowment funds. Your generous gift at any level - combined with gifts from other donors - will help us achieve our goal to increase the overall size of the school's scholarship endowment.
- ◆ **For a gift of \$100,000 or more**, you can create an unrestricted endowed scholarship fund that will generate long-term support to help offset tuition costs for professional master's students at the Nicholas School.
- ◆ **For a gift of \$250,000 or more**, you can have an even greater impact and tailor your scholarship to reflect a preference for the recipients' areas of environmental focus, country, state or region of origin, etc.
- ◆ **For an extraordinary gift of \$1.25 million**, you can create a named endowed fund that will pay 100% of the tuition costs for one Nicholas School student for a two-year professional degree program.

When you support the **Nicholas School Financial Aid Initiative**, you will receive information about the impact you are making. Anyone that establishes an endowed scholarship is given the opportunity to meet with the student supported by the scholarship at special events to learn more about their backgrounds, interests and future plans.

The **Nicholas School Financial Aid Initiative** is a \$25 million fundraising effort to increase the total amount of private tuition support awarded to Nicholas students. Building a more robust pool of financial aid resources will enable the Nicholas School to close the gap between the cost of the school's degree programs and students' own financial resources. This is essential to keep the school within reach of today's brightest and most talented students, and to give our passionate young alumni the freedom to pursue environmental careers where they can make the greatest impact.

With your support, we will increase the number of students who receive scholarship awards, as well as the size of the individual awards, enabling the school to recruit the most outstanding candidates and reduce student debt upon graduation.



"These young people care deeply about the environment, and have such potential for leadership and impact. We'd just hate for money to be the reason they won't get the chance to benefit from a Nicholas School education."

Jeff Vincent | Stanback Dean,
Nicholas School of the Environment

Your gift to the Nicholas School Financial Aid Initiative will ease the burden and open doors for extraordinary men and women who are passionate about protecting our environment for future generations.

Contribute now at gifts.duke.edu/nsoe
Or, contact Associate Dean Kevin McCarthy at 919-613-8003 or kevin.p.mccarthy@duke.edu to discuss how you can make the greatest impact with your gift.

