

The University of Florida (UF) Water Institute Graduate Fellows Program is offering an opportunity for six Ph.D. students to join an interdisciplinary cohort working on the complex and interconnected set of biophysical and social impacts brought about by the construction and operation of hydroelectric dams in the Amazon. The world's largest watershed, the Amazon is a global provider of key ecosystem services and is being transformed by dam construction and other infrastructure development. The UF student faculty/cohort will work within an already existing research network that includes Amazonian institutions and other researchers worldwide that seeks to understand and manage these transformations. We seek students who have an interest in working collaboratively in a team of students and faculty with shared interests, but distinct disciplinary backgrounds as described here: [http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/WIGF/2015Cohort/ParticipatingFaculty\\_2015.asp](http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/WIGF/2015Cohort/ParticipatingFaculty_2015.asp).

In particular, Dr. Denis Valle and Dr. Stephanie Bohlman are seeking students to develop research focused on interactions among deforestation, land use, and hydrology (Dr. Bohlman) or quantifying dam impacts on economy, deforestation, and disease (Dr. Valle). Preferred applicants will be highly motivated, have interdisciplinary experience, have strong quantitative skills, and competitive GPA/GRE scores (>50% percentile required). Both US and non-US citizens are eligible for these fellowships.

The 4-year fellowships include a \$25,000 annual stipend, tuition waiver and health insurance. Fellows will benefit from international field experience in the Brazilian Amazon region and integrative activities that enhance interdisciplinary skills. For more information and the online application, visit <http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/WIGF/> or contact Dr. Bohlman ([sbohlman@ufl.edu](mailto:sbohlman@ufl.edu)) and Dr. Valle ([drvalle@ufl.edu](mailto:drvalle@ufl.edu)). If you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree on this project, please submit a CV, GRE scores and GPA, contact information for three references, and a brief statement of your research interests, career goals, and why you would like to pursue a graduate degree via the application link (<http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/WIGF/>).

Information about Gainesville, Florida:

Situated in the rolling countryside of north-central Florida, Gainesville is much more than a stereotypical college town. Home of the University of Florida, seat of Alachua County's government and the region's commercial hub, it is progressive, environmentally conscious and culturally diverse. UF has an internationally recognized program in Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) that draws students from, and has created an alumni network, around the world. The presence of many students and faculty from abroad among its 99,000-plus population adds a strong cross-cultural flavor to its historic small-town Southern roots. Its natural environment, temperate climate and civic amenities make Gainesville a beautiful, pleasant and interesting place in which to learn and to live. Gainesville has been ranked as one of the best cities to live in the United States.