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Wetland Ambassadors Program

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What is Wetland Ambassadors?

- WETLAND RESEARCH-BASED
- GRADUATE STUDENT-CENTERED
- INTERNATIONAL
- EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Where participating students will serve as **AMBASSADORS** of wetland knowledge and expertise for their home countries and home institutions.

Our Mission

- To develop an **international student exchange program** in which graduate students will participate in a **visiting research fellowship** at a university outside of their home country that features rigorous wetland science research opportunities.
- This initiative is expected to not only provide top-notch educational opportunities for future wetland scientists around the globe, but also to enhance **international networking, wetland science information exchange, and communication** among members of the Society of Wetland Scientists.

Goals

- Provide quality research-education opportunities for students around the world who are interested in wetland science research
- Promote international, scientific collaboration between universities by encouraging exchange of students
- Develop and provide support for student travel, housing, and living expenses for the duration of the visiting fellowship

Pilot Year

- **SUMMER 2017**
- Include up to 5 graduate students
(enrolled in Master's or Ph.D. programs)
- Advertisement to begin September 2016
- Applications due January 2017
- Acceptance and program match information to be distributed March 2017

Partnership

- Currently looking to partner with universities, colleges, and wetlands-related research programs interested in hosting
- Visiting research fellowship to be of short duration, approximately 2 months
- Compiling list of potential host institutions to seek funding authorization from the SWS Board of Directors
- Let us know if you are interested in being a part of this exciting new program!

List of Potential Partners

1. **University of Maryland-** College Park, Maryland, USA
2. **Duke University-** Durham, North Carolina, USA
3. **National Cheng Kung University-** Tainan City, Taiwan
4. **Czech University of Life Sciences-** Prague, Czech Republic
5. **Hamburg University-** Hamburg, Germany
6. **Aarhus University-** Aarhus, Denmark
7. **University of Padova-** Padua, Italy
8. **Universität für Bodenkultur (BOKU)-** Vienna, Austria
9. **Ljubljana University-** Ljubljana, Slovenia
10. **University of South Bohemia-** České Budejovice, Czech Republic

Whether you are:

1. An **institution** who wants to provide an unparalleled education for its wetlands-loving students
2. A **scientist** who wants to pass on their knowledge and collaboratively answer wetland science's biggest questions
3. A **graduate student** who would love a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn more about wetlands...

**The Wetland Ambassadors Program
could be just what you are looking for!**

Learn More



Wetland Ambassadors Committee members will be attending the annual meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas. We would love to meet with you and discuss potential partnerships and any questions you may have!

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