

SMITH FELLOWS 2009 CALL FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED

The society for Conservation Biology is pleased to solicit applications for the David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship Program. These two year post-doctoral fellowships enable outstanding early-career scientists to improve and expand their research skills while directing their efforts towards problems of pressing conservation concern for the United States.

Each Fellow is mentored by both an academic sponsor who encourages the Fellow's continued development as a conservation scientist, and a conservation practitioner who helps to connect the Fellow and her/his research to practical conservation challenges.

Fellows will spend up to four weeks per year during their fellowship attending orientation and training events. These offerings provide opportunities to cultivate professional networks and to gain better understanding of applied research needs. Fellows will participate as a group in three or more of these Program-sponsored meetings, conferences, or professional development events each year.

The Program especially encourages individuals who want to better link conservation science and theory with pressing policy and management applications to apply. We envision that the cadre of scientists supported by the Smith Fellows Program eventually will assume leadership positions across the field of conservation science. Fellows are selected on the basis of innovation, potential for leadership and strength of proposal.

The deadline for receipt of application materials is September 26, 2008. The Program expects to select four Fellows in January 2009 for appointments to start between March and September 2009. Fellowship awards include an annual salary of \$50,000, benefits, and generous travel and research budgets. For detailed proposal guidelines, please visit <http://www.conbio.org/smithfellows/apply/>. Questions may be directed to Shonda Foster, Program Coordinator, by emailing sfoster@conbio.org.