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## WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION NAMED TO MANAGE AND EXPAND DORIS DUKE CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PRINCETON, NJ—The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) has awarded the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation a three-year, \$3.7 million grant to manage and expand the Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship Program, the United States' premier program offering fellowship and leadership development opportunities for graduate students committed to careers in conservation.

“We are delighted to be entering into this partnership with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation,” said Dr. Joan Spero, president of DDCF. “Its distinguished record of developing leaders and advancing graduate education in the United States makes it an ideal fit for administering our conservation fellowship program.”

Founded in 1997, the Doris Duke Conservation Fellowships currently are awarded to master's degree students in multidisciplinary environmental studies programs at Yale University, Duke University, and the universities of Michigan, Montana, and Wisconsin. In 2006, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation will hold a national competition to increase the number of participating universities from five to eight.

“The program seeks out the best and brightest graduate students at participating universities who are committed to careers as practicing conservationists and who show outstanding leadership potential,” said Dr. Mark Shaffer, Program Director for the Environment at DDCF.

Alumni of the program, which has awarded 237 fellowships to date, have included several Presidential Management Fellows as well as those in positions at the federal Office of Management and Budget, World Wildlife Fund, the EPA, and the Nature Conservancy, among others.

“What really excites us about this program is that it does more than recognize great potential through a monetary award,” said Dan McIntyre, Vice President for Administration and Program Development at the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. “It begins by selecting highly motivated, high-achieving students committed to conservation, and develops their leadership abilities through internships, professional and career development programs, and ongoing alumni networking activities.”

“We take great pride in this collaboration with the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation,” said Nancy Weiss Malkiel, Chair of the Board of Woodrow Wilson and Dean of the College at Princeton University. “The conservation fellowship program's goal of promoting leadership at the highest level through quality education complements the core mission of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, which is to promote leadership and innovation at all levels of education.”

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation ([www.ddcf.org](http://www.ddcf.org)) is to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, wildlife conservation, medical research, and the prevention of child maltreatment, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement of excellence in education through the identification of critical needs and the development of effective national programs to address them. For more information visit [www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org) or contact Dan McIntyre (609-452-7007 ext. 159 or [mcintyre@woodrow.org](mailto:mcintyre@woodrow.org))

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*The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has its origins in a now-famous fellowship program, begun in 1945, which helped the United States create a great generation of college teachers and intellectual leaders. Today's Woodrow Wilson continues to cultivate excellence in teaching and learning at every level of education, putting the arts and sciences at the service of democracy.*