

## UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY: PRIVATE LANDS PARTNERS DAYS 2019

Collaborating with farmers and ranchers to help conserve their privately-managed working lands is the next frontier in wildlife conservation. As future natural resource professionals, critical to your success is gaining the requisite skill sets to work effectively with private landowners in their local communities. Over the past decade, landowner leaders have organized themselves to proactively direct private lands conservation. These leaders will be showcasing their newest innovations at the 2019 [Private Lands Partners Days conference](#). Here you will learn the newest challenges, concerns and successes of collaborative landscape conservation.

“A growing number of landowners, communities and conservation organizations across the country recognize that partnerships and cooperation are essential to sustain our landscapes for both people and nature” says Steve Jester, Partners for Conservation Executive Director, “and Private Lands Partners Day is the best place to learn how these relationships are getting work done”.

The Avian Science Center and the Wildlife Biology Program at the University of Montana are offering a professional development opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to attend this **Private Lands Partners Days 2019** conference in Ogden, Utah from September 24-26, 2019.

To be considered please provide a 1 page application using ‘cover letter format’ explaining: 1) the role of private landowners in community-based conservation and 2) how you believe attending this conference will advance your professional development. Successful applicants will be selected to attend the conference at zero cost. Please send your document as a PDF file to [asc@umontana.edu](mailto:asc@umontana.edu) no later than April 26, 2019.

