The Wilderness Institute (WI) invites applications for the AY21-22 Wilderness Institute Meier Graduate Fellowship. The Meier Graduate Fellowship provides competitive fellowship awards to Wilderness Institute graduate students.

Fellowship requirements. Fellows will work with a faculty advisor to develop a graduate research or creative scholarship project or field-based experience with a focus on Wilderness or wildlands. Fellows will document the meaningful impacts and transformative nature of their experience to a larger audience in a format suitable for sharing through WI communications (e.g., website, newsletter, video, social media, or new communication formats as they develop over time).

Selection. The Meier Graduate Fellow will be selected by a committee appointed by the Director of the Wilderness Institute. Awards are competitive and shall be made based on academic merit.

Fellowship amount and allowable expenses. One fellowship of $7500 will be awarded for the AY21-22 competition. Graduate fellowship award expenses may include standard cost of education expenses (e.g., tuition, fees, insurance), student research assistantship stipend, travel expenses, and/or project expenses as determined by the Director of the Wilderness Institute. Funding allocation to different budget categories will be negotiated after selection and will not influence application review.

Eligibility. Graduate students in the WA Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, as well as graduate students advised by Wilderness Institute faculty with primary appointments in other UM units, are eligible to apply.

Application procedures. Eligible applicants must provide:

1. A personal statement (maximum of 500 words) describing your proposed research or creative scholarship or field-based experience, including a clear description of the project’s focus on Wilderness or wildlands. The proposed project may be all or part of a thesis/dissertation, or an experience or project independent of the student’s thesis/dissertation research. Do not submit a project budget.

2. Curriculum vitae that includes degrees earned, professional certifications and credentials, honors and awards, research and creative scholarship, publications, presentations, work experience, and university, professional, and community service (no page limit).

3. A nomination letter (2 page maximum) from their faculty advisor (may be emailed directly from the faculty advisor).

Submit application materials by November 10, 2021, by e-mail to a.larson@umontana.edu