



National Park Service
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ANNOUNCEMENT

National Park Service Roger Kennedy Fellowship Program
Contexts of Environmental Policy Graduate Certificate
The George Washington University

Issuing Date: March 22, 2016
Closing Date: May 11, 2016
Area of Consideration: Washington, DC Metropolitan Area

The National Park Service is an Equal Opportunity employer. Selection for this program will be made solely on the basis of merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, creed, age, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, or any other non-merit factors.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This graduate-level certificate program is designed for emerging NPS leaders who possess the intellectual capacity and dedication required to successfully complete the rigorous academic coursework.

LOCATION

The *Contexts of Environmental Policy* Graduate Certificate is part of the Environmental Resource Policy program in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) at The George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION

Applications will be accepted from permanent NPS employees who have served for three (3) cumulative years or more as of May 1, 2016.

PURPOSE

The National Park Service Roger Kennedy Fellowship Program is designed to help prepare current and future leaders who are responsible for the preservation and protection of our public lands and cultural heritage. Inspired by a gift from Roger and Frances Kennedy, and made possible by the *Friends of Roger Kennedy*, this program funds NPS employees to undertake a course of study that strengthens their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources which lie at the heart of the NPS mission. Offering

a wide range of courses that contextualize environmental policy, this Certificate provides both flexibility and purpose to NPS employees.

OVERVIEW

The certificate program began in 2013 and consists of four graduate-level courses resulting in twelve credit hours through GWU. All courses are taught by the GWU faculty who are experts in their fields, and all will be offered in residence at the Washington, DC campus of GWU.

Students may take one or two courses per semester, with some courses being offered in the summer. Most courses are in the evening and meet once a week. Students must meet the admission requirements of GWU and will be enrolled as degree students. Upon admission to the certificate program, students will not need to apply again each semester, as long as they remain in good academic standing as defined by CCAS standards.

Students are required to take one policy course when they enter the program and then may choose among a large number of electives, which fall into either policy or culture categories. By special permission, depending on student backgrounds, students may also enroll in graduate courses in the sciences.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The admissions process for this program is a two-tiered review:

- The first level of review is conducted by a NPS Review Panel, ensuring NPS employees meet all the eligibility requirements and are appropriate candidates to consider for the program. The NPS Review Panel will rank each nominee based upon the information provided in his/her application package. The ranking process will consist of an evaluation of the nominee's education, work experience, personal and professional goals, and writing ability.
- The second level of review is conducted by a CCAS Admissions Committee. The CCAS Admissions Committee makes the final selections based on the admission policies of CCAS and GWU. Applicants who move on to the CCAS review will need to complete GWU's graduate application using [ApplyYourself \(AY\)](#), the online application system.
- Applicants will be notified via email of their admissions status no later than July 1, 2016

COSTS

Tuition costs will be funded by GWU out of funds raised by the *Friends of Roger Kennedy* group. The number of students admitted will depend on the level of funding available. Students will be responsible for university and course fees, such as a matriculation fee of \$185 and the Student Association fee of about \$2.50 credit hour.

There is also a voluntary library fee of \$50. Book costs will vary from approximately \$50 to \$250 per course.

HOW TO APPLY

The application packet must include the following documents:

- Proof of completion of Bachelor's Degree and an official transcript with a GPA of 3.0 or above. You must contact the Registrar's Office at each of the colleges or universities from which you will be requesting official sealed transcripts at your earliest convenience, in order to ensure that you receive your transcripts in time to submit no later than May 11, 2016.
- Personal statement of at least 300 but no more than 800 words that includes the purpose for undertaking graduate study, academic objectives, research interests, and career plans/accomplishments.
- Resume that includes nominee's current position and minimum overall work history of at least 5 years.
- Signed letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor, specifying how the certificate would benefit the applicant and the organization and agreeing to support his/her participation for the duration of the program.
- Current SF-50 (Standard Form 50, Notice of Personnel Action) proof of being in a Competitive Service Permanent position.

Optional Document Requested:

- DI-Form 1935, Applicant Background Survey. Providing this demographic information is voluntary, and no individual personnel selections are made based upon this information.

Each applicant must submit the supporting documents by May 11, 2016.

Documents can be mailed to:
NPS, Learning & Development, Leadership Development Group
Attn.: Lisa Matarazzo
1201 Eye St NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Or emailed to: lisa_matarazzo@nps.gov

SATISFACTORY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

As the program constitutes a graduate-level professional development opportunity, participants must demonstrate sustained progress in course work and work assignments sufficient to predict successful completion of the program. Failure to pass any course taken may result in termination from the program.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about the application process, please contact:
Lisa Matarazzo (lisa_matarazzo@nps.gov)

If you have questions about the Certificate program, please contact:
Nicole Davidson (nad1@gwu.edu)

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

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***Contexts of Environmental Policy* Graduate Certificate**

Offered by the Environmental Resource Policy program, CCAS, GWU

The Environmental Resource Policy (ENRP) program at GWU offers a multidisciplinary approach to environmental and sustainability issues. The Certificate in *Contexts of Environmental Policy* provides both professional credentials and the opportunity to engage with a broad range of academic disciplines within the CCAS.

The Certificate consists of four 3-credit courses. All participants in the program must take either PPPA 6006 (Policy Analysis) or PPPA 6066 (Environmental Policy). The three remaining courses can be selected from the courses listed below. In special cases, with permission from the program and faculty, students may take courses not listed below. Students should consult with ENRP's Director of Graduate Studies in order to construct an individualized curriculum best suited to their needs and interests.

Policy/Social Studies courses:

ENRP 6101/6102 Environmental Sciences. Students may take either course.
ENRP 6140 Environmental Impact Statement Procedures and Environmental Law
GEOG 6219 Urban Climate
GEOG 6230 Environmental Issues in Development
HIST 6011 History and Public Policy
HIST 6302 Colonial North America
HIST 6304 American Indian History to 1890
SMPA 6201 Strategic Communication Skills
PHIL 6281 Environmental Philosophy and Policy
PSC 6103 Approaches to Public Policy Analysis
PPPA 6010 Politics and Public Policy
PPPA 6031 Governing and Managing Nonprofit Organizations
PPPA 6043 Land Use Planning and Community Development
PPPA 6067 Environment, Energy, Technology, and Society
SOC 6250 Urban Sociology
STAT 6104 Statistics in Management, Administration, and Policy Studies

Culture courses:

AMST/HIST 6480 Theory and Practice of Public History
AMST/HIST 6495/6496 Historic Preservation. Students may take either course.
AMST 6530 Field Methods in Architectural Documentation
AMST/HIST 6420 Religion in American Culture
ANTH 6101 Museums and the Public: Exhibiting Culture
ANTH 6807 Public Archaeology
ENGL 6510 Writing Race and Nation
ENGL 6520 Ethnicity and Identity
MSTD 6101 Museum Management
MSTD 6103 Leading Change in Museums
MSTD 6203 Preventive Conservation Concepts