



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

*Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation*

## APPLY NOW FOR 2017 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Wildlife Society (TWS) is currently accepting applications for its Leadership Institute. The Institute's goal is to facilitate the development of new leaders within TWS and the wildlife and natural resource profession. The Institute will recruit 10-15 promising early-career professionals for a series of intensive activities and mentoring relationships. The focus will be on exposing the participants to the inner workings of organization management, using The Wildlife Society as example, and increasing the number of capable, active leaders in the wildlife and natural resource management profession.

From April until September, participants will engage in a series of activities to develop and expand their leadership skills. Institute members will attend the TWS Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM (September 22-27, 2017) and participate in various activities, including mentoring and leadership workshop sessions. The Institute is free, and participants receive complementary registration and a \$1500 travel grant to attend the conference.

Participation in the Institute is geared toward early-career professionals who are 2 to 3 years out of school (either undergraduate or graduate school), currently working full-time in a wildlife professional position, and have demonstrated evidence of their leadership potential. Also eligible are more recent graduates who have shown strong evidence of their leadership potential and those who are working while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree. All applicants must be dues-paying members of TWS and a Chapter or Section of TWS. The selection committee will be seeking to create a diverse group with participants of varying gender, ethnic, and regional diversity. Selection will be based upon:

- An excellent academic record
- Demonstrated leadership capability or potential
- Demonstrated level of excellence in current position
- Commitment to and involvement in TWS

Preference will be given to individuals who are certified as Associate Wildlife Biologists® or Certified Wildlife Biologists®, or who have submitted such an application to TWS.

**Applicants must submit** (in one PDF, excluding online application form and recommendation letters):

- Application form ([http://wildlife.org/twsadmin/leadership\\_institute\\_application/index-2.cfm](http://wildlife.org/twsadmin/leadership_institute_application/index-2.cfm))
- Cover letter with evidence of leadership capacity or potential, such as previous leadership positions held in TWS Chapters or Student Chapters or in other organizations
- Résumé including a list of publications, awards, etc.
- Academic transcript/s
- 2 letters of recommendation from supervisors, academic advisors, professors, or others in leadership positions with whom you have worked and who are familiar with your leadership potential, commitment to TWS, and commitment to wildlife management and conservation. Letters should be emailed directly to [leadership@wildlife.org](mailto:leadership@wildlife.org) with subject line "Leadership Institute Recommendation for [applicant last name]".
- An essay (1000 word limit), which succinctly summarizes (1) your concept of leadership, (2) your aspiration for your role within TWS and the wildlife profession in 5 to 10 years, and (3) why you are an ideal candidate for the Institute

**Application deadline is March 17, 2017. Email all materials (except the application form, which is submitted online) in one PDF to:** [leadership@wildlife.org](mailto:leadership@wildlife.org). Visit <http://www.wildlife.org/leadership-institute> for more information.