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Dear Colleagues:

I hope this message finds each of you well. On behalf of the faculty in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho, I write to share information on our new graduate assistantship application process. We request your participation in forwarding this information along to your faculty who are working with students interested in pursuing a master's degree, master of natural resources degree or doctoral degree in natural resources at the University of Idaho.

While a prospective graduate student can submit their application for admission at any time, the priority deadline for the College of Natural Resources graduate student funding is **January 15, 2010**. If the application for admission is received in full either on or before the priority deadline, additional funding opportunities may be available for

- travel awards - fund academically related travel needs, thus enhancing the ability of graduate students to pursue various activities and professional development within their fields.
- assistantships - complement your formal studies through research, teaching, or administrative work under the supervision or tutelage of a faculty or staff member.
- tuition assistance - The University of Idaho offers several thousands of dollars in merit-based scholarships in many areas of study, tuition assistance in some technical areas of study, and graduate assistantships on the basis of academic record and Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL).
- diversity awards - The Office of Multicultural Affairs administers a healthy group of awards every year to both incoming freshman and returning students. The scholarships include both institutional monies and private donor sources.

It is important for prospective graduate students to submit the application as soon as possible to secure funding. Please make note of this deadline, as it is not to be confused with the University of Idaho's February 1, 2010 general graduate student application deadline.

For more information on our available assistantships and deadlines, please visit our Web site at [www.uidaho.edu/cnrgradassistance](http://www.uidaho.edu/cnrgradassistance). Of course, you can contact me at anytime should you have any questions.

**Special note:** Calendar event - Graduate School Information Day is Oct. 9, 2009. For more information and a link to our registration page, please direct students to <http://www.uidaho.edu/cogs/infoday>.

Sincerely,



Bill McLaughlin, Dean  
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