**Program Themes**

- **Promoting place-based conservation**: Research in this theme examines community participation in the sustainable management of natural resources. Example: research on floral green harvesting protocols based on harvester ecological knowledge.

- **Research Partnership**: CFERP is dedicated to developing future natural resource scholars and practitioners who ‘walk the walk’ on the ground. Two of my graduate students have been minority students who ‘walk the walk’ on the ground.

- **Steering Committee**
  - Jill Belsky, University of Montana
  - Marla Emery, U.S. Forest Service, Northeast Research Station
  - Louise Fortmann, UC Berkeley
  - Jonathan Long, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station
  - Jacquelyn Ross, University of California, Office of the President
  - Dreamal Worthen, Florida A&M University

- **Eligibility**
  - We accept applications from students at any U.S. college or university.
  - You need to be enrolled in a degree-granting program at your home institution.
  - You need to be engaged in graduate research that deals directly or is explicitly relevant to U.S. communities engaged in natural resource management.
  - You need to be planning to conduct participatory research that actively engages community members in the research process.
  - Minority students are encouraged to apply.

- **Award Notification**
  - Awards will be announced in mid-April for mid-March (2008). You need to be planning to conduct participatory research that actively engages community members in the research process.

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- **Deadline**
  - Applications must be submitted by February 29, 2008.

- **Apply for a Graduate Fellowship Today!**
  - Formerly the Community Forestry Research Fellowship Program (CFRF)
  - The mission of Community Forestry & Environmental Research Partnerships (CFERP) is to nurture a new generation of scholars and university-community partnerships to build scholarly and community capacity for stewardship of natural resources in ways that are socially just, environmentally sound, and economically sustainable.
Apply for a Graduate Fellowship
Participatory Research Fellowships for Graduate Research in Community Forestry & Environmental Stewardship

Program Themes
We fund participatory research in the following broad thematic areas. We also consider research proposals that fall outside these areas but are directly concerned with communities and their environments as well as research proposals that cross themes.

- Promoting place-based conservation
- Promoting social and economic justice in environmental management
- Strengthening connections between cultures and the land

Eligibility

Types of Fellowships

- Masters Fellowships
  - Provides stipends of up to $7,000.
  - Fellows must live in the study community for 3-6 months.
  - Students should apply after selecting a research site and should begin research the same year they are awarded the fellowship.

- Predissertation Fellowships
  - Provides stipends of up to $2,000.
  - Students should apply the year before they anticipate writing their dissertation proposal.

- Dissertation Fellowships
  - Provides stipends of up to $15,000.
  - Fellows must live in the study community for 9-12 months.
  - Students should apply after they have advanced to candidacy and are ready to begin field research.

All Fellows:
- must submit a mid-term and/or final report
- must participate in the annual workshop during their fellowship year

(Note: Dissertation fellows are required to participate twice: once in the beginning and once in the end of their fellowship year.)

Project & Assessment

This theme entails inquiries into inequities in environmental management. Example: research revealed the complex ways in which African Americans are denied a role and voice in management of national parks.

Strengthening connections between cultures and the land
Research in this theme investigates community ability to maintain traditional lifeways and land uses in the face of outside and/or competing politics of county planning and allowed residents to use the stories of their lives in the region to seek greater participation in planning processes.

Promoting social and economic justice in environmental management
This theme entails inquiries into inequities in environmental management. Example: research in NC illustrated the politics of county planning and allowed residents to use the stories of their lives in the region to seek greater participation in planning processes.