

Subject: Sabbatical Research in Applied Conservation
(Info from Kristie Trousdale, Hawaii Conservation Alliance)

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) announces a call for David H. Smith Senior Scholarships. These scholarships provide mid- and late-career scientists opportunity to perform multi-scale and -site research leading to significant innovations in the work of TNC and other conservation practitioners. Applicants must be at the doctoral level and originate from academic, government, and other research institutions as well as from conservation or business organizations. Projects may vary in duration from months up to one year. All else being equal, proposals that translate results more broadly across TNC will be more competitive. Stature and reputation of the applicant is also a major criterion for selection.

Themes of special interest include: 1) scenario modeling of conservation approaches; 2) conservation costs and benefits of forestry practices; 3) conservation networks for wide-ranging species; 4) integrating corridors and connectivity into landscape conservation; 5) predicting and mitigating the consequences of global change; 6) incorporating ecosystem services and valuation into conservation planning; and 7) integrating social factors into conservation.

Proposals should be three pages or less, provide a project timeline, budget, and clear description of major deliverables from the project. All applications must be co-sponsored by and show substantive evidence of support from relevant TNC staff in order to be considered. Research must be performed closely with TNC staff at US field offices and/or sites and ecoregions described in the proposal. Broader and deeper networks proposed by the applicant will be more competitive.

Review of applicants will commence on April 15, 2003 and continue until suitable candidates are selected. Awards are expected to be announced in late May 2003. Funding for Smith Senior Scholars will be available anytime after and during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2003. For more details, see the Smith Program website:

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