

Aligning with our new strategic plan, the Linda Loring Nature Foundation (LLNF) is in a unique position to create innovative programs to engage students in applied, interdisciplinary research.

The LLNF has created the **Conservation Fellows Program** to provide hands-on conservation research learning opportunities for upper level high school and undergraduate college students. We will help develop the conservation leaders of the future; leaders who will think beyond a single problem.

Fellows will work with LLNF Director of Research and Education, Dr. Sarah Bois, to develop a research and conservation project that dovetails with the strategic objectives of the LLNF as well as the interests and goals of the individual. Conservation Fellows get on-the-ground experience for solving real-world conservation issues.

Fellows will also get experience in:

- Conservation research
- Scientific communication and outreach
- Non-profit workplace; how non-profits work
- Conservation stewardship

LLNF has identified research priorities that represent the greatest current and future applied science needs. These goals are ripe to be advanced by Conservation Fellows. Some of the topics include native biodiversity, climate change, species distribution shifts, habitat restoration, and conservation management.

Strategies

- Research—Conservation Fellows work on projects that align with LLNF's strategic goals. Results are directly applied to conservation action.
- *Communication*—Through experiences like writing blogs and doing media interviews, and using social media, LLNF educates fellows to communicate effectively.

For more information about this program, please contact Dr. Sarah Bois at stbois@llnf.org.