

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO UNH ECOQUEST PROGRAM

Return completed application materials to:
UNH-EcoQuest Study Abroad Program
Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, James Hall
University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824
Phone: (603) 862-2036, **FAX:** (603)-862-4976

PREREQUISITES

- Successful completion of at least 48 semester credit hours (or equivalent) of college or university studies, including at least one semester course in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, earth sciences, physics) and one in the social sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, sociology).
- A moderately high degree of physical fitness, including the ability to swim competently, to participate in the occasional overnight hike, and to work outside for extended periods in all weather.
- Agreement with the fundamental principles of intensive study, group cooperation, conservation ethic, and personal responsibility that are central to the EcoQuest living and learning environment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and return this application form to the above address, along with a non-refundable check for \$35, made payable to the University of New Hampshire.
2. Arrange for your college or university to send an official, up-to-date academic transcript.
3. Secure two references as instructed on the enclosed Reference Forms.

UNH-EcoQuest will evaluate applications on a rolling admissions basis. In general, you should expect to hear of an admissions decision within two or three weeks after we receive your complete application. As we can only accommodate a limited number of students, and international travel preparations do take time, we encourage you to apply as early as possible. We cannot guarantee to admit students whose applications are submitted after the deadlines indicated below.

Please check which term you are applying for:

- February 2 – May 13, 2011: **Postmark application by October 15, 2010**
- May 30 – July 1, 2011: **Postmark application by April 1, 2011**
- August 31 – December 9, 2011: **Postmark application by April 1, 2011**

Course fee: \$16,500 for 15-week term or \$4,850 for 5-week term

Fee includes tuition, room, board, and in-country program travel. Transport to and from New Zealand is not included.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: Mr./Ms. _____ Social Security No.: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____ Address/Phone: _____

EDUCATION

College or University: _____ Location: _____

Year/Current Status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major (declared or intended): _____ Name of Advisor: _____

Secondary/High School: _____ Location: _____

How did you hear about the UNH-EcoQuest Program? _____

RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions on separate paper, and return them with this form. Be sure to include your name on each page.

Keep in mind that there are no set requirements for admission beyond the prerequisites stated at the beginning of this form. For example, we do not expect applicants to have already had extensive outdoor or international experience. What we do expect from our students is a high level of curiosity about this planet and the personal motivation to contribute to its health. The following questions are included as an opportunity for you to reveal more about yourself, and to demonstrate that you are well suited to participate in a UNH-EcoQuest program.

1. *Please list any extracurricular activities or organizations in which you have participated, indicating any positions of leadership you have held.*
2. *Please list any jobs or internships you have had.*
3. *Please list any honors or awards you have received.*
4. *Please list any outdoor skills, qualifications and experience you possess.*
5. *Please list any experience you have had studying, living, or traveling in another country, and any languages you speak besides English.*
6.
 - a. *Have you ever been subject to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action by a university or college? If so, please explain.*
 - b. *Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or are you currently facing such charges? If so, please explain.*

(Note: A "yes" answer to either question will not necessarily eliminate your chances of acceptance.)

7. *In an essay of no more than 500 words, please describe your interest in the UNH-EcoQuest program, what you hope to contribute, and how you expect this experience to assist in the achievement of one or more of your personal goals.*

SIGNATURE

Please indicate affirmation of the following statement with your signature.

"I meet the prerequisites for participation in the UNH-EcoQuest program, and have completed this application accurately to the best of my knowledge."

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Personal Reference Form

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TO THE APPLICANT

Please give this form to someone, other than a peer or family member/acquaintance, who knows you well, and ask that they complete and return the form by the appropriate deadline.

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Privacy Rights and Policy Act of 1974, you may have the right to review your educational records. The Act further provides that you may waive your right to see recommendations for admission. Please indicate below, by circling the appropriate phrase, whether or not you waive this right.

I **waive** / **do not waive** my right to access this recommendation form. (circle choice)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name _____ Social Security No.: _____

TO THE REFEREE

The above-named student is applying for a residential field study program at EcoQuest Field Studies Centre in New Zealand. Participants will spend a term studying ecology, conservation, resource management, and environmental policy in an intensive, hands-on program that is both academically and physically rigorous. Because of the unique demands of this educational approach, the admissions committee must take extra care to select applicants who will respond positively to such a learning environment. We expect that the students who will most benefit from our program are those who exhibit exceptional intellectual curiosity, motivation, adaptability, maturity, and an ability to work well with others.

With this in mind, please comment on the applicant's suitability for participation in this program. You may use either a separate sheet of paper or the reverse side of this form. Please submit this completed form and any attached sheets to the UNH-EcoQuest program at the address listed above.

As the success of the program, and the applicant's learning experience, depends largely on the effectiveness of the admissions process, we ask that you are both candid and thorough in your assessment. Thank you for your assistance.

Referee Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

How long and in what context have you known the applicant? _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

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Academic Reference Form

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