



*Now accepting applicants for the 2017*

## Wilburforce Fellowship in Conservation Science

The Wilburforce Fellowship invests in the professional development of scientists so that they may more effectively inform and advance sustainable conservation solutions in western North America.

**Wilburforce Foundation, in partnership with COMPASS, is now accepting applications for the 2017 Cohort of the Wilburforce Fellowship in Conservation Science, a year-long program beginning April 2017. The fellowship is intended to build a community of scientists advancing decision-relevant research, effectively communicating scientific findings, and contributing to conservation solutions by engaging with local communities, policymakers, land managers and advocates. At the root of this initiative is Wilburforce Foundation's commitment to empowering scientists to engage in conservation management and policy discussions, because when scientists are part of the conversation, we get better solutions.**

This fellowship is open to 20 scientists working in conservation biology, ecology, environmental economics, or traditional ecological knowledge in one or more of Wilburforce's Priority Regions. Applicants can be from any affiliation and at any career stage. We aim to bring together a diverse network of researchers - young to senior scientists, from a range of backgrounds - to build their skills and networks in a continuing community of mutual support and inspiration.

Fellows will attend a six-day intensive training led by COMPASS from April 23-28, 2017 in Tucson, Arizona at the Westward Look. The training will provide fellows with a comprehensive foundation of leadership and communications skills. At the training, each participant will set a goal for individual or collective engagement on a specific conservation issue, and begin to define an action plan to achieve it. Throughout the following year, fellows will receive coaching and support from trainers and peers to achieve their goals, as well as help connecting with targeted individuals and audiences.

To apply, visit: <http://www.wilburforce.org/fellowship>

Applications are due September 16, 2016 and decisions will be finalized by January 16, 2017. Questions may be directed to COMPASS at [WilburforceFellows@COMPASSonline.org](mailto:WilburforceFellows@COMPASSonline.org).



## About Wilburforce Foundation

Wilburforce Foundation envisions a connected network of lands and waters that allow wildlife to thrive throughout Western North America. We support and connect organizations and individuals that are committed to protecting wild places and the wildlife that depend on them. We invest in science-based solutions, advocate for responsible policies, and ensure that our partners have the capacity to achieve lasting outcomes.

## Wilburforce Priority Regions

We have identified 13 priority regions throughout Western North America that are critical for wildlife and ecological resilience. An interactive version of the map below can be found on [wilburforce.org](http://wilburforce.org).



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