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Master's of Science Degree in Recreation Management and Policy

Applications are currently being accepted for a two-year traditional Master's of Science degree (thesis track) in Recreation Management and Policy (Recreation Administration focus) working with Dr. Michael Ferguson at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Dr. Ferguson designs, manages, and analyzes natural resource research in national parks, national forests, and various other parks and protected areas settings. His research models visitor behaviors and decision-making within social-ecological systems and he is a founding member of the [Applied Recreation Research Collaborative \(ARRC\) laboratory](#).

A limited number of full-time and half-time Graduate Assistant positions are available for qualified students. Full-time Graduate Assistant positions include a tuition/fee waiver, an annual graduate stipend valued at approximately \$20,000, and require 20 hours of work per week throughout the academic year. Half-time Graduate Assistant positions include a half tuition/fee waiver, an annual graduate stipend valued at approximately \$10,000, and require 10 hours of work per week throughout the academic year. The position start date is August 2022.

There are three steps for the application process. First, applicants should contact Dr. Ferguson directly (Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu), express interest in the program, and set up a Zoom interview. Next, applicants should contact the Department's Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Patti Craig (Patricia.Craig@unh.edu), to complete an application for Graduate Assistants. Finally, applicants should apply online to the M.S. in Recreation Management and Policy - Recreation Administration option through the [UNH Graduate School online portal](#).

Admission is based on a personal history that demonstrates academic achievement and/or exemplary work experience, as well as the applicant's ability to articulate their desire and qualifications for graduate level research in Recreation Management and Policy. Applicants must have earned a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 to be considered for admission.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in outdoor recreation, natural resource management, and/or social science research and project management. Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis. Applicants seeking funding should submit all of their materials by no later than February 1, 2022. Specific questions should be directed to Dr. Michael Ferguson. General questions should be directed to Dr. Patti Craig.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael D. Ferguson'.

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