

Folks,

I wanted to inform you and your organization that Florida Gulf Coast University will be launching a new MA Environmental Studies program, beginning fall semester, 2017. Our first call for applications is due February 15, 2017. Please share this with your coworkers, colleagues, and friends.

The MA program is relatively unique and significantly different than our MS in Environmental Science. The program is intended for those pursuing advancement in environmental management, policy, and education. It also does not require a thesis, but rather emphasizes a professional internship. The program is intended to make it relatively easy for those currently employed to obtain a graduate degree and incorporate their existing professional experience.

This email is asking for your help in two regards. First, we would like you to circulate this opportunity. Below is a URL to the program's web site; attached is a flyer that describes the program. Please pass these forward. Second, the program's success depends upon professional internship opportunities within our local community – we are hoping your organization would be willing to support an MA student as an intern during their second year. No financial commitment is required to support a student, though paid internships would no doubt be welcome among students. Rather, supporting an intern requires some staff time for student mentorship.

Please do the following: (1) pass this on to others in your organization; (2) let me know who on your staff is the most logical contact person for student recruitment and internship opportunities; and (3) let me know if your organization is willing to support one or more interns as the program moves forward. (The first demand for internships would be for the 2018-2019 academic year, the second year of the first cohort of students.)

Many thanks,

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