

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

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As Boone and Crockett members, we take great pride and satisfaction in promoting wildlife conservation and management. An important step in achieving these goals is education—spreading the word about wildlife far and wide. Although wildlife professionals are passionate about their trade, they are not made overnight. In much the same way, a passion for wildlife—personal or professional—often takes years to develop.

The Boone and Crockett Club's university programs help facilitate the development of wildlife professionals by harnessing the many resources and capabilities that universities possess. Boone and Crockett professorship programs, which are unique to the Club, are particularly important in this regard. Seeking to attract talented young people to study wildlife alongside outstanding faculty in some of the nation's finest universities, Boone and Crockett professorship programs play a critical role in training tomorrow's wildlife professionals and fostering wildlife conservation now and in the future.

The Club currently has endowed professorships at the University of Montana, Michigan State University, and Texas A&M University. In addition, there are fellowships at Mississippi State University, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Oregon State University. Dr. Christine Thomas, Dean of the College

of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point stated, "Support from the Boone and Crockett Club to our wildlife program has opened up new opportunities for our students to participate in award-winning research with faculty mentors. The Club's contributions to our fellowship endowment back in 2012-2013 eventually led to \$5 million of private investment by other donors to our wildlife program."

But what does it take to develop a high-quality Boone and Crockett professorship program? What is the recipe for success? First, all Boone and Crockett professorship programs use the abundant human resources of the university environment to propel outstanding research programs. Not surprisingly, professorship programs are successful in proportion to the quality of the faculty members they support. Boone and Crockett professorship programs feature preeminent faculty with extensive knowledge and professional networks that enable them to conduct high-quality research and attract the best and brightest students. Filling their minds with invaluable knowledge for their careers, students are also integral components of successful professorship programs. Institutions like Michigan State University (MSU) educate more than 200 undergraduate students and 100 graduate students. Such a large pool of aspiring wildlife professionals enables the MSU professorship program to reach wide and deep in conducting

research and influencing policy and management. Michigan State University's Boone and Crockett Chair of Wildlife Conservation, Dr. Bill Porter, added, "Recent research work by the Boone and Crockett program is introducing high-caliber analytical tools to policymaking for setting hunting regulations."

Partnerships are also fundamental for successful Boone and Crockett professorship programs. Collaborating with state and federal natural resource agencies enables professorship programs to have the resource base (e.g., time, money, personnel) to conduct research that advances wildlife conservation and management. For instance, the MSU professorship program works actively with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct cutting-edge research, inform wildlife policy and management, and educate students and early career professionals. In addition, successful Boone and Crockett professorship programs have defined meaningful research trajectories that are often facilitated by the partnerships they maintain and invariably focused on pressing wildlife issues. For instance, the University of Montana professorship program has a clear track record of integrating wildlife conservation and land management to identify solutions that are mutually beneficial for wildlife and landscapes. Moreover, professorship programs

add expertise to their respective academic departments that would otherwise be absent at universities. For example, the success of the MSU professorship program can be attributed, in part, to its focus on cutting-edge math, statistics, and computer modeling through the Boone and Crockett Quantitative Wildlife Center (QWC). The QWC fills an important mathematical niche at MSU, generating quantitative tools and applying statistical knowledge to address pressing challenges in wildlife management.

Successful Boone and Crockett professorship programs are also driven by an abundance and diversity of wildlife topics for research and applied management. The availability of such topics, in turn, is influenced by the diversity of the ecological setting in which professorship programs are situated. For instance, the MSU professorship program is located at the interface of northern hardwood forests, agricultural ecosystems of the upper Midwest, and the Great Lakes, providing a rich ecological context for management-relevant research. Similarly, the University of Montana professorship program is positioned in a varied ecological setting featuring national parks (Yellowstone and Glacier), national forests, and federal wildlife refuges. Dr. Joshua

Millsbaugh, Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation at the University of Montana, points out, "From our current research on ranch management and wildlife distributions to upcoming events for university students such as the hunting for sustainability program and a 'Ranch Appreciation Day,' the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch provides an unparalleled field laboratory and educational opportunity to students in our program." A diverse ecological setting provides the raw material that enables a professorship program—and its research, teaching, and service—to grow and flourish.

In summary, Boone and Crockett professorship programs become successful for a number of reasons. They harness the power of human resources, establish partnerships with natural resource agencies, sustain well-defined research trajectories focused on critical topics, and thrive in diverse ecological settings. Although each professorship program exhibits these attributes in unique ways, they have at least one characteristic in common: successfully training future wildlife professionals and promoting sustainable wildlife populations for present and future generations. ■

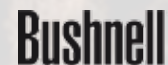
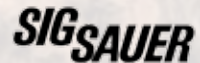


A Boone and Crockett Fellow is an undergraduate or graduate student, or postdoctoral associate, who is supported by Boone and Crockett funding and/or advised by a Boone and Crockett Professor or Professional Member. In addition to displaying academic excellence, Boone and Crockett Fellows are committed to scholarship that:

- Promotes effective conservation policy through dedication to research, education, outreach and service.
- Exhibits leadership in wildlife conservation.
- Helps others understand the mission of the Boone and Crockett Club and the evolution of conservation in America.
- Recognizes and appreciates the values of hunting and fishing and the principles of fair chase.

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| Dayna Baumeister (U of MT) | Mike Liles (TX A&M) |
| Thomas Baumeister (U of MT) | Jeff Martin (TX A&M) |
| Jami Belt (U of MT) | Elizabeth Matseur (U of MT) |
| Aniruddha Belsare (U of MT) | Jon McRoberts (U of MT) |
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| John Citta (U of MT) | Megan Pluemer (U of WI, SP) |
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