

**SCHOLAR.
BRIDGE BUILDER.
NATURAL NURTURER.**

As a Ph.D. student in Clemson's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Keenan Adams studies the human dimensions of natural resources – the impact people have on the environment – and seeks solutions that benefit both humans and nature. And, as resident director of the Bridge to Clemson University program, he advises freshmen on ways to make the most of their time, studies and personal interactions in the college environment. Adams finds the two roles comfortable and complementary.

He has also found that both provide good training for his chosen profession.

“My dream is to become a professor who will impact the lives of students and produce research in the natural resource field. If I am able to get natural resource managers, policymakers and researchers to consider human dimensions, then I will believe I have succeeded.”

A Doctoral Scholars Award provides assistance that Adams says allows him to stay at Clemson, where he hopes to influence the ideas of students and researchers.

Leading Student Engagement

Clemson's success and its rise to become a top-20 public institution rests on attracting and retaining bright, driven graduate students who want the best and most fulfilling graduate education possible. These students seek cutting-edge research opportunities, one-on-one faculty engagement and creative enrichment programs, which are attributes that define the Clemson Experience. Bringing the best and brightest to Clemson is our top priority, and fellowship offerings are key.





The Reality

Dwindling public funding, the global economic climate and more people pursuing master's and doctoral degrees have created an urgency for additional fellowships.

Fellowships make graduate education possible for talented students and attract the nation's most aspiring, as colleges that offer fellowship packages are typically able to tip the scales when graduates are choosing a school.

Without adequate funding for graduate financial support, Clemson often loses these capable future leaders to other schools whose fellowship endowments are far greater. Moreover, the state of South Carolina misses opportunities to keep these bright graduates and their economic impact in our home state.

The Need

Clemson University needs to raise private funding for fellowships in order to attract the best graduate students to our University and to help these promising world-changers have an opportunity to gain a higher education.

The Impact

Increasing Clemson's fellowship endowment will allow the University to compete with the best graduate programs in the nation. With this funding, Clemson will be positioned to:

- Recruit the nation's most talented graduate students and enable them to focus on critical thinking, problem solving and research.
- Attract and retain leading researchers and eminent faculty, who are drawn to rigorous graduate programs, helping to boost Clemson into the top 20.
- Develop a knowledgeable and skilled work force, which will fuel the economy.
- Make its graduate programs competitive with other top-20 institutions.