

# Nicholas School *at a Glance*

## Who We Are

The Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences is one of the world's premier graduate and professional schools for the interdisciplinary study of the environment and the development of pathways for a sustainable future.

Located in the heart of Duke University's campus, the school functions as an intellectual hub, drawing input from all disciplines at Duke – law, business, policy, medicine, science, social science, engineering and divinity – and extending that expertise to citizens, governments, industry and conservation organizations worldwide.

Our mission is to find solutions to the environmental problems facing our planet today, and to train our students to be critical and creative thinkers and doers who will shape tomorrow's Earth. No other environmental school takes such a broad approach.

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## Our History

The Nicholas School represents a coming together of three academic entities that are almost as old as Duke itself: The School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Duke University Marine Lab, both formed in 1938, and the Department of Geology, formed in 1936.

Today, the school is composed of three divisions that reflect this broad scholarly heritage: Marine Science and Conservation; Earth and Ocean Sciences; and Environmental Sciences and Policy.

In 2005, the affiliated Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions was launched to address the demand for timely, unbiased policy analysis relevant to the world's pressing environmental concerns.

## Facilities

The Nicholas School is headquartered on Duke's main campus in Durham, N.C. The Duke Forest, a research and teaching tract comprised of more than 7,000 acres of land, is located nearby. Our coastal campus, the Duke Marine Lab, is located three hours away in historic Beaufort, N.C.

Plans are under way for the construction of Nicholas Hall, a free-standing "green" building that will house the Nicholas School's Durham-based faculty and programs, the Nicholas Institute and related centers.

## Research and Engagement

More than 70 faculty members hold appointments at the Nicholas School. While maintaining our traditionally broad range of expertise, we are actively developing new areas of scientific, technological and policy strength in climate and energy, ecosystem services and conservation, and human health and the environment, in response to rapidly emerging new environmental challenges and opportunities.

Multidisciplinary centers or projects headquartered at or affiliated with the school include the Center for Geospatial Medicine, the Center for Marine Conservation, the Duke University Wetland Center, the Center on Global Change, the Children's Environmental Health Initiative, the Marine Geospatial Ecology Laboratory, the Climate Change Policy Partnership, and the Free Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment (FACE) project.

## Academic Programs

We offer Master of Environmental Management and Master of Forestry degrees, and provide educational opportunities for students at the doctoral and undergraduate levels. We provide executive and continuing education through the Duke Environmental Leadership Program, including the primarily online DEL-MEM program.



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