



Application deadline

# A NEW GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

July 20, 2007

## Admissions Criteria

- Possess a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university in any of the following fields: Agriculture, Engineering, Natural Sciences or Social Sciences
- An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Fluent command of written and spoken English
- Evidence of academic promise and mathematical ability
- Clear professional objectives expressed in a statement of purpose
- At least 1 year of relevant professional experience

WOMEN ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

## What to submit by July 20

- Completed Cornell application forms
- Copies of academic transcripts and diplomas
- 3 letters of recommendations from former professors and/or employers
- Statement of purpose (2 type-written pages maximum)

## EARN A CORNELL UNIVERSITY *MASTERS OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES* DEGREE IN INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AT BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY, ETHIOPIA

Cornell University (Ithaca, New York, USA) and Bahir Dar University (Bahir Dar, Ethiopia) are pleased to announce a new, jointly developed program for a Master's of Professional Studies degree in International Agriculture and Rural Development with a specialization in Integrated Watershed Management. The degree is conferred by Cornell University (CU) but all coursework and examinations are undertaken at Bahir Dar University (BDU), Ethiopia.

The CU/BDU Masters program consists of a blend of theoretical and practical-based studies designed to develop students' expertise in watershed management and hydrological sciences. Admitted students will attend BDU, where the core multidisciplinary courses for the Masters degree will be team taught by CU professors and BDU faculty. Course content will cross the disciplines of civil and agricultural engineering, crop and soil sciences, natural resource management, and economics and other social sciences. Students' practical training will be focused on the adjacent Lake Tana basin.

Twenty African students will be admitted to the program on a competitive basis. Admitted students must successfully complete 30 credit hours with 24 credits of course work and 6 hours of research/development practicum to be awarded the Masters degree. All coursework and examinations will be conducted in English. A course fee and research fee will be charged the first and second years, respectively, in accordance with Bahir Dar University policy. Employer sponsorship is strongly encouraged. Some scholarships might be available. Applications are due by July 20, 2007. Classes will start around November 1, 2007.

To apply students must submit a completed Cornell application form and provide official copies of university transcripts and diplomas. Unofficial copies of transcripts may be submitted at the time of application but no student can be admitted without official documents. Three recommendation letters from professors and previous or current employers should be mailed directly to Bahir Dar. An additional requirement includes a statement of purpose (not to exceed 2 type-written pages), outlining why the applicant wants to pursue a Masters program in watershed management and how his/her academic interests and professional experiences relate to this field of study and their professional goals. Applicants who are selected as finalists must take an entrance exam to evaluate their English and mathematics skills; the examination results will also be considered in the admission decision.

### Cornell application forms

Copies of the application form are available at:  
<http://ciifad.cornell.edu/>  
<http://www.telecom.net.et/~bdu/>

### Questions?

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### Where to submit applications and recommendation letters

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### Important Dates

July 20– Applications due  
August 1– Finalists notified  
August 13– Entrance exam at Bahir Dar  
September 15– Successful candidates notified  
November 1– Classes start