

## ONE-YEAR MIDCAREER MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

The midcareer M.E.M. or M.F. degree program is intended to permit environmental and forest managers to build on their work experience in order to acquire skills that will enable them to pursue their career goals more effectively. To this end, those admitted into the program must have at least seven years of directly relevant professional experience in the environmental or forestry field that is sufficient to provide a corpus of experiential learning equivalent to one year of academic study at YSE. So that the admissions committee may fairly judge each applicant's work record in light of this requirement, applicants must detail their career work experience. Relevant work experience is not the sole criterion for admission into this degree program; the breadth of prior academic training is also considered, and those applicants who are better prepared (see Preparation for Admission, in the chapter Admissions: Master's Degree Programs) are more likely to succeed in this competitive admission process.

The midcareer degree program is not appropriate for those seeking to make an abrupt career change, nor is it suitable for those who have acquired seven or more years of work experience that is tangentially related to environmental or forest management. Normally, voluntary service will not be considered equivalent to career experience needed for acceptance into this degree program.

The curricula for the one-year midcareer Master of Environmental Management and Master of Forestry degree programs are less structured than the curricula for the two-year programs. Attendance at the Training Modules (see Training Modules in Technical Skills, above) is expected, and the successful completion of 24 credits of course work and independent study is required. In addition, all first-year M.E.M. students must enroll in the fall Perspectives course (ENV 553). One academic year in residence is normally expected, as is initial enrollment at the start of the fall term.