

# Globally Eminent ...Locally Relevant

The France-Merrick  
Professorship in Sustainable  
Ecosystem Restoration

A Challenge Grant



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CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Appalachian Laboratory  
Chesapeake Biological Laboratory  
Horn Point Laboratory  
Maryland Sea Grant College



## **The Challenge of the Millennium— Environmental Restoration**

In recent years environmentalism has once again entered the mainstream as changes to the global climate have become evident. It is critical, now more than ever, that scientific work focuses on environmental restoration and sustainability. Chesapeake Bay is a case-in-point. Restoring the Bay, managing growth within the Bay's watershed, and addressing the causes and consequences of global warming constitute a tripartite grand challenge for Maryland. This challenge will become more acute in the face of population growth and a changing world. Accordingly, UMCES has developed a mission of conducting research that is both globally eminent yet locally relevant.



## **Building Faculty Eminence**

Faculty are the lifeblood of a research institution. Through scientific discovery, these scholars find innovative solutions to some of our most vexing problems—such as environmental restoration.

UMCES has a solid track record of recruiting and supporting young and mid-career scientists, who have attracted significant research support and top level graduate students; our future environmental leaders. Their research and teaching have made UMCES Maryland's premier environmental research institution.

Excellence brings competition as other institutions vie for our faculty to enhance their research programs. UMCES has lost mid-level and senior faculty to other institutions that offered professorships as a recruiting tool.

## **The France-Merrick Professorship in Sustainable Ecosystem**

**Restoration** is UMCES' first endowed chair. The endowment, seeded with a \$750,000 grant from the France-Merrick Foundation and totaling \$1.5 million when fully funded, will greatly

enhance UMCES' ability to recruit and retain senior faculty. The estimated \$75,000 initial annual return will offer an outstanding faculty member research support to develop a internationally recognized research program that will build on the Center's 90-year legacy to restore and sustain a healthy environment for centuries into the future. UMCES has committed to raising a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant over the next five years.

The endowed chair will be established with an initially modest research budget until the endowment is fully funded. The individual faculty member who occupies the chair will be chosen carefully in the finest exercise of our "globally eminent yet locally relevant" vision.

**Your Gift will have an immediate impact** by helping UMCES to meet both the France-Merrick Foundation challenge grant, and the ultimate scientific challenge of environmental restoration. In this way you will be helping to ensure the future for generations to come. Recognition, through the co-naming of the professorship, will be made for a matching individual's gift of

\$750,000 over 5 years. Other capital and programmatic naming opportunities are also available.

## **The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science**

is one of 13 constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland. Led by President Donald F. Boesch, who is also the USM Vice Chancellor for Environmental Sustainability, the Center's programs are carried out at three laboratories located across the state: the Appalachian Laboratory in western Maryland, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in southern Maryland, and the Horn Point Laboratory on the Delmarva Peninsula. UMCES is also responsible for the administration of the Maryland Sea Grant College program. While the Center's research and science application activities emphasize the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed, its reach extends nationally and worldwide to distant seas and lands.

**The France-Merrick Foundation** was created by the merger of the Jacob and Annita France Foundation and the Robert G. and Anne M. Merrick Foundation. The foundation



supports civic and cultural activities, public education, private and higher education, historic preservation and conservation, and health and social services. It was founded in 1998 and is based in Baltimore, Maryland.

**For further information on the challenge grant or to discuss a contribution, please contact Jonathon Powers, Vice President for Development at 410.221.2007 or [jpowers@umces.edu](mailto:jpowers@umces.edu)**

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