March 25, 2016

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Dear Nicolette,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you, upon recommendation by the Graduate Program on the Environment Admissions Committee, that you have been accepted into the Fall 2016 cohort for the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree at The Evergreen State College. I hope you are able to join us!

Your admission to the program is PROVISIONAL because your file does not contain an official transcript indicating you have been awarded a bachelor's degree. In order for you to enroll for the Fall Quarter, the MES Office must receive written confirmation by September 15, 2016 from an official of the awarding institution indicating you have completed the requirements for your bachelor’s degree. In addition, by October 15, 2016 the MES Office must receive an official transcript reflecting the awarding of the bachelor’s degree in order for you to continue in the program beyond the Fall Quarter. If you are awarded financial aid, please note that your final transcript reflecting award of the bachelor’s degree must be received by September 15, 2016 in order for any financial aid funds to be released for Fall Quarter.

To celebrate your admission to the program, I would like to invite you to the MES Admitted Student Afternoon on April 21, 2016, 12:45pm-6:00pm. This is an optional event where you can meet faculty, alumni, and students and learn about the opportunities available to you now that you are an MES student. Housing and parking will be provided for those who need it. We have included the schedule of events in this letter. More information and registration instructions (please register by April 14) are at [evergreen.edu/mes/admitday](http://www.evergreen.edu/mes/admitday). We also invite you to stay afterward for the Rachel Carson Forum, a yearly environmentally-focused event planned by MES students. This year the topic is “Communicating Environmental Justice.” Furthermore, we encourage you to stay for the weekend to discover Evergreen and Olympia.

Important notifications from the college and MES will be sent to your Evergreen email address periodically, so be sure to set it up immediately and check it regularly. Directions are enclosed. Starting now, we will send out paid internships, jobs, and other opportunities for MES students to this email. Please also keep your mailing address updated by contacting Graduate Admissions: [graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu) or 360-867-6856.

As a new MES student, you are required to enroll in the first MES core class: graduate Conceptualizing our Regional Environment, or gCORE. All core courses are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-10pm. If you intend to finish in two years, you should also take an elective course along with gCORE. To see more information on our courses, including faculty contact information, please review the MES online catalog at evergreen.edu/catalog/2016-17/mes. Not all courses are listed at this time. Fall registration instructions will come by email from the MES office in May. You may also take spring and/or summer 2016 courses with MES as a special (non-matriculated) student – up to eight credits of these courses will count toward your degree. To see the courses offered, go to evergreen.edu/catalog/2015-16/mes.

This year, the Fall quarter starts September 26, 2016. We will hold a mandatory orientation on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. All new students are required to participate. In mid-August, we will send more specific information by email and snail mail about orientation if you have accepted this offer of admission.

If you applied for MES aid or filled out your FAFSA by March 1, you will receive a separate email letting you know if you received an award from MES. Loan awards and Evergreen Need Grants (residents only) will be sent to you by the Financial Aid office and will come later. If you did not apply for aid or did not fill out your FAFSA, you are still be eligible for loans by filling out your FAFSA at any time. Go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply.

If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Gail Wootan, the Graduate Program on the Environment Assistant Director, by emailing [wootang@evergreen.edu](mailto:wootang@evergreen.edu). Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable $100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program. In order to hold your space **the college must receive payment by April 29, 2016**. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please notify us in writing immediately.

We’re looking forward to having you join us. It is with considerable care that we select this class of 45 students. We hope this opportunity to participate in our program will be meaningful to you. You will be part of a diverse, capable, and dedicated group of people. I will be pleased to discuss any aspect of the program with you should you have further questions. The MES faculty and staff look forward to having you join us in September.

Sincerely,

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