

April 4, 2025

Neelam Khaniya Dhobighat-4 Lalitpur, Nepal, 44600 Student ID: A00456084

Dear Neelam,

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 2025 cohort for the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree at The Evergreen State College. If you would like to accept your admissions to the Fall 2025 cohort, please email Assistant Director, Averi Azar, at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

Your admission to the program is CONDITIONAL because the Admissions Committee did not see evidence in your application that you have completed, within the last five years, the following pre-requisite course(s):

- 4 quarter credits or 3 semester credits of natural sciences
- A new Academic Writing Sample which meets the requirement for the MES application. The writing sample you provided did not include in-text citations from at least 3-5 primary sources such as scholarly journal articles or books to provide evidence for your written claims, and demonstrates your ability to synthesize information from the literature.

Completion of this coursework and a new writing sample is required before you may begin the MES core sequence. Please be sure that official transcripts reflecting completion of this work and a new academic writing sample is received by the Graduate Admissions office no later than September 12th, 2025. For a list of ways to meet this requirement, email Assistant Director, Averi Azar, at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

To celebrate your admission to the program, we would like to invite you to **MES** Admitted Student Day 2025 on Friday, April 25th, 2025 from 9 am to 4:30 pm, Pacific Time, at The Evergreen State College. This is an optional event where you can meet faculty, and current students, and learn about the opportunities available to you as an MES student. Admitted Student Day 2025 will be a predominantly in-person event with a remote attendance option, which you can register for using the QR Code to the right or the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/fzwypvEPqL.

Important notifications from the college and MES will be sent to your Evergreen email address periodically, so be sure to set it up as soon as you receive the Evergreen account activation email and check it regularly. Directions for how to setup your account can be found in the <u>Welcome to Evergreen.PDF</u> document enclosed with this letter. Starting now, we will send out paid internships, jobs, and



other opportunities for MES students to your Evergreen email address. Please also keep your mailing address updated through your **my.evergreen.edu** student portal which you will be able to login to once your student email and password have been setup.

Fall registration will open up May 19th, 2025 at 8:00 am, Pacific Time! As a new MES student, you are required to enroll in the first MES core class: graduate Conceptualizing our Regional Environment (gCORE). All core courses are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-10pm (PT). If you intend to finish in two years, you should also take an elective course along

with gCORE. You will be able to register for Fall quarter's required core class, gCORE, and an elective of your choice through your **my.evergreen.edu** student account, once it's setup by the Graduate Admissions office. **Please note, you will need to submit MMR vaccination documentation, or a waiver of the vaccination requirement, through your student portal before you will be able to register for classes.** To see the courses offered, go to evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director, Averi Azar at evergreen.edu.

This year, Fall quarter starts on September 29th, 2025. **We will hold a mandatory Orientation on Friday, September 19th, 2025**. **All new students are required to participate**. In mid-August, we will send more details about Orientation, and Fall quarter by email if you have accepted this offer of admission.

If you applied for financial aid by completing your FAFSA or WASFA, then a separate email from the Financial Aid office will inform you of your eligibility for loan awards, tuition waivers, and Evergreen Need Grants. Please be sure to complete your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov. Non-citizens who meet Washington State residency requirements can apply for financial aid resources at wsac.wa.gov/wasfa. If you are active duty military, a veteran, or dependent interested in using education benefits for graduate school, please connect with the Veterans Resource Center at Evergreen to determine your eligibility and to activate your benefits by reaching out to them at weterans@evergreen.edu. You can find more information on their website at evergreen.edu/veterans.

If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averi Azar, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing <u>averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu</u>. Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This <u>non-refundable \$100.00 deposit</u> reserves your space in the program and is due by **June 1st**, **2025**. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email Averi Azar to confirm your admissions decision in writing as soon as possible.

We are excited to meet you and share more about the program. We select the incoming cohort of students with considerable care. 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. The MES faculty and staff look forward to having you join us in September.

If you have any questions, please contact me at leroyc@evergreen.edu or Averi Azar at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

Once again, thank you for applying to Evergreen's MES program!

Sincerely, Carri LeRoy

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