

## **Mission Statement**

The fundamental educational mission of the School of Forestry is to foster the intellectual and personal development of our students, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. We intend that our students be, first of all, liberally educated, secondly, good citizens, and finally, skilled professionals and life-long learners, with training in an integrated approach to forest ecosystem management.

The School of Forestry educates students in ecosystem science and management by integrating instruction in biophysical and human systems. In Forestry, we cross traditional boundaries by applying transdisciplinary and multi-objective approaches to ecosystem studies.

Our scholarship mission features this integrative approach to advance knowledge in ecosystem science and management, to bring this new knowledge back to the classroom, and transfer it to the citizens of Arizona, the Southwest, and elsewhere. Our programs leading to the Master of Forestry, Master of Science in Forestry and Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Science play a special role in carrying out our scholarship objectives.

Our mission includes the development of educational and research activities that bring views from a variety of cultures to the classroom and to the management of forest ecosystems.