

“In conversations about global climate change,
I want to be the scientist at the table.”

- BECCA RYALS F'06



Becca Ryals F'06 was drawn to the Nicholas School from her native Pennsylvania because she wanted to explore global climate change from an interdisciplinary perspective. At Duke Forest's carbon dioxide research site, she was able to study the absorption of greenhouse gases into the soil. She also helped the school purchase wind energy and interned with an advocacy group developing a program to reduce power plant emissions.



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Like many of her classmates, Becca arrived at Duke with undergraduate debt and expects to pursue a career in the non-profit sector. “Although we're idealists and don't like to think about money, it does have a real impact on students,” she said. Financial aid helped Becca keep her burden of debt down, freeing her to concentrate on the ways she can use science to influence policy and promote environmental awareness.