University of Wyoming’s

PIE
program in ecology

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The Program in Ecology (PiE) is an interdepartmental cross-college doctoral program that provides advanced, integrated training in the science of ecology. PiE is the largest interdisciplinary PhD program at the University of Wyoming that includes 10 departments, 42 faculty, 21 affiliates, **45 current students and 39 alumni**.

**PiE Alumni**

The majority of PiE alumni assumed academic positions, including Assistant Professorships at institutions such as UC Berkeley, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Virginia Tech.

Our alumni have secured post-docs or faculty positions in the U.S.A, and in nine other countries, such as Argentina, Austria, India, Mongolia, and Sweden.

**PiE Publications**

Over the last 5 years, PiE faculty and students published 595 peer-reviewed papers including 28 papers in the top three journals: Science, Nature, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as 90 papers in leading ecological and evolutionary journals.

In addition, current PiE students published 37 papers independently.
**PiE Student and Faculty Awards**

PiE students and faculty win teaching and research awards both locally and nationally.

**PiE Faculty Grants**

The 152 current grants of PiE faculty total $39,007,829. Of that amount, $9,316,733 (24%) is in the form of indirect cost, which is used to support academic and administrative operations of the University.
Anna Chalfoun received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). The PECASE is “the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on outstanding scientists and engineers in the early stages of their independent research careers.” The award was conferred on 14 April 2014 in Washington, D.C., followed by a White House ceremony with President Obama.

Catherine (Katie) Wagner received the Theodosius Dobzhansky Prize from the Society for the Study of Evolution in 2015. This award is to “recognize the accomplishments and future promise of an outstanding young evolutionary biologist.”

Craig Benkman received the E. O. Wilson Naturalist Award from the American Society of Naturalists in 2014 that is “given to an active investigator in mid-career who has made significant contributions to the knowledge of a particular ecosystem or group of organisms.”

Merav Ben-David received the Excellence in Wildlife Education from The Wildlife Society in 2016. This annual award is given to one educator in the nation who shows “exemplary teaching and contributions to the improvement of wildlife education.”