

**Request for Authorization to Establish the
Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Geographic Sciences at
North Carolina Central University**

North Carolina Central University requests authorization to establish a Bachelor of Science (B.S) in Environmental and Geographic Sciences degree program (CIP 03.0104).

In June 2012, the Board of Governors approved discontinuation of North Carolina Central University's B.S. programs in Environmental Science and Geography with the understanding that programmatic elements would be combined into a single bachelor's program. The proposed B.S. in Environmental and Geographic Sciences is the resulting new program. The 124-hour program will prepare graduates for municipal service, graduate study, and other careers that require the capacity to analyze environmental systems and human-environment interactions. In addition to general education requirements, students will complete a program core focused on interdisciplinary skills required of modern environmental scientists, such as geographic information systems (GIS), environmental sustainability, and statistics. Students will enter one of three concentration areas: Geoscience, Environmental Science, or Environmental Health Science. The Environmental Health Science concentration is retained from the previous Environmental Science degree and is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve North Carolina Central University's request to establish a Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Geographic Sciences degree program (CIP 03.0104) to enroll students beginning August 2015.