The Environmental Science and Policy Program at MSU is excited to announce the recipients of the ESPP Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship awards for 2016.

- **Alaina Bur** will pursue her doctoral degree in environmental sociology under Dr. Jennifer Carrera in the Department of Sociology. She has a bachelor of arts degree in Sociology from Oakland University, and is interested in collective environmental resource management.

- **Noleen Chikowo** has been accepted into the PhD program in Community Sustainability to work with Dr. Steven Gray. She is a Fulbright Scholar and a native of Zimbabwe.

- **Chanse Ford** is joining the Department of Geological Science under Dr. David Hyndman and studying the field of Hydrogeology. He has degrees from Western Michigan University and University of Southern Indiana.

- **Shivan GC** comes to MSU from Nepal to study Forestry with Dr. Karen Potter-Witter. She is specifically interested in wood utilization, including the biological aspect of forest growth, the economics of timber supply and the social aspects of public acceptance and interest in managing woodlands.

- **Charifa Hejase** will join the PhD program in environmental engineering at MSU under the supervision of Dr. Vlad Tarabara. She will work on oil spill related issues during her doctoral research.

- **Apoorva Joshi** will work toward her PhD in Journalism under Dr. Bruno Takahashi. She has degrees in environmental science and natural resources journalism and hopes to focus on aspects of international environmental crime.

- **Dipti Kamath**, under the supervision of Dr. Annick Anctil, will join the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to study proactive sustainability assessment to reduce the environmental impact of new technologies. She has a masters degree in Environmental Engineering and Management from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

- **Yingyue Liu** has been accepted to the PhD program in the Department of Geography where she will work with Dr. Jiaguo Qi. She is currently a visiting scholar at MSU’s Center for Global Change and Earth Observations and is interested in research the connections between policy, economics and environment in the domain of the geography of food.

- **Rebecca Minardi** is joining the Department of Community Sustainability under the supervision of Dr. Maria Claudia Lopez. She has a master’s degree in Public Health from Des Moines University, and is currently working in an agroecology lab at the University of Michigan.

- **Yike Shen**, currently a master’s student at University of Alberta, comes to MSU to work with Dr. Wei Zhang in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Science. She will study the contamination of fresh produce by microbial path ESPP annually offers multiple doctoral recruiting fellowships for students who will matriculate in the next fall semester. The goal of these fellowships is to attract the strongest possible cohort of students to pursue a doctoral education focused on the environment. While in the program, Doctoral students pursue a Ph.D. in one of MSU’s many existing doctoral programs that have an environmental focus. In addition, they complete the coursework for the Doctoral Specialization in Environmental Science and Policy.