ESPP Climate, Food, Energy and Water Summer Research Fellowship

ESPP announces the Climate, Food, Energy, and Water (C-FEW) Research Fellowship for the Summer of 2016 for Ph.D. students currently enrolled at MSU. The goal of the program is to provide funding to Ph.D. students to support the next generation of scientists and to advance work in climate, food, energy, and water at Michigan State University. The C-FEW Summer Fellowship provides funds to be used to enhance the educational and research experience of graduate students at MSU whose research focuses on the nexus of climate, food, energy and water. Recipients of the Fellowship will be expected to actively engage in C-FEW research during the summer of 2016, organize an ESPP colloquium during Fall 2016, and write a short paper about their work for ESPPulse, a semiannual series published by ESPP.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria
Criteria for the award are as follows:
- The student must be enrolled in Michigan State University currently and in Fall 2016, pursuing a Ph.D. degree in a field related to the C-FEW topic areas.
- The student must demonstrate sound academic achievement and potential for future academic success.
- The student must conduct at least 20 hours of research per week throughout the summer of 2016.
- Preference will be given to students working on interactions among two or more C-FEW topic areas and whose research work is interdisciplinary.

Support
Each C-FEW Fellowship will provide funding of $7,000 for the summer of 2016. All Fellows will be expected to organize a student-faculty C-FEW colloquium during Fall 2016 and to write a five-page paper for ESPPulse about their research as it relates to the C-FEW nexus. ESPP expects to award up to 13 fellowships.

Application Process
Students will submit application materials to ESPP by Friday, February 5, 2016. Applications should include:
1. Completed cover form (see provided form).
2. Short statement (not to exceed 750 words) indicating the relationship of their graduate research to C-FEW and the summer research plan. Students should provide a brief statement on how their graduate work is tied to C-FEW and their vision for how their research will advance knowledge in this area. The statement should also briefly describe the student’s research plan, including time commitment, for the summer of 2016.
3. Confidential letter of support from major advisor. Students should request a letter from their major advisor at MSU. This letter should include faculty assessment of student performance.
toward Ph.D. completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner and the student’s interest in and commitment to C-FEW related issues. The letter should also address how the student’s research fits in and contributes to the faculty’s larger research program, including, if appropriate, how the research enhances the group’s competitiveness in obtaining future funding in C-FEW areas. The letter should be sent directly to ESPP via email (espp@msu.edu) by the major advisor.

4. **Current CV or resume.**

An ESPP committee will make recommendations to the director of ESPP based on the selection criteria described in the above Eligibility and Selection Criteria section. C-FEW Summer Fellowship offers will be made around mid-March 2016.

Applications must be submitted electronically to espp@msu.edu by 5:00pm on Friday, February 5, 2016 using the attached form. Late materials will not be accepted.
Application Form
ESPP Climate, Food, Energy and Water Summer Fellowship
Environmental Science and Policy Program

Student name: __________________________________________ PID: ______________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Department/School: __________________________________________________________

GPA (of graduate courses): _______ Expected Graduation Date: ___________________

Major professor writing a letter of support: _______________________________________

Title of summer research project:
__________________________________________________________

Abstract (100 words or less):