ESPP Summer Research Fellowships 2018

ESPP announces the 2018 Summer Research Fellowship for Ph.D. students currently enrolled at MSU. The goal of the program is to support the next generation of scientists and to advance work in environmental science and policy at Michigan State University.

The theme for the 2018 Summer Research Fellowships will be the Climate-Food-Energy-Water nexus. The fellowship funds are to be used to enhance the educational and research experience of doctoral students at MSU whose research focuses on crosscutting issues related to climate, food, energy and water with implications for environmental policy. Fellowship recipients will be expected to present results of their research as part of the 2018 ESPP Research Symposium, which will take place in the Fall of 2018.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria
Criteria for the award are as follows:
- The student must be enrolled in Michigan State University currently and in Fall 2018, pursuing a Ph.D. degree in a field related to the environment.
- 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 2018.
- Preference will be given to students whose research is interdisciplinary, and covers more than one areas of climate, food, energy and water.
- First time applicants will be given priority over prior grantees of ESPP Summer Research Fellowships.
- The selection of fellowship recipients will attempt to strike a balance across different disciplines.

Support
Each Fellowship will provide funding of $7,000 for the summer of 2018. All Fellows will be expected to participate in the 2018 ESPP Research Symposium in the Fall of 2018. ESPP expects to award up to 10 fellowships.

Application Process
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 CFEW and the summer research plan. Students should provide a brief statement on how their graduate work is tied to CFEW 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 2018.

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 environmentrelated 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 CFEW areas. The letter should be sent directly to ESPP via email ([espp@msu.edu](mailto: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. Summer Fellowship offers will be made by **March 31, 2018**.

Applications must be submitted electronically to [espp@msu.edu](mailto:espp@msu.edu) by 5:00pm on **Friday, March 16, 2018**. Late materials will not be accepted.
Application Form
ESPP 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):