



Environmental Science & Policy Program *at Michigan State University*

ESPP Urban Environment Summer Research Fellowships

ESPP announces the Urban Environment Research Fellowship program for the Summer of 2017 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 urban environment at Michigan State University. The Urban Environment Summer Fellowship program provides funds to be used to enhance the educational and research experience of graduate students at MSU whose research focuses on any of the many aspects of environmental research pertinent to urban settings. Recipients of the Fellowship will be expected to present their research as part of the 2017 ESPP Research Symposium, which will take place in the fall of 2017 and be focused on Urban Environment.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Criteria for the award are as follows:

- The student must be enrolled in Michigan State University currently and in Fall 2017, pursuing a Ph.D. degree in a field related to the urban environmental 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 2017.
- Preference will be given to students whose research is interdisciplinary.

Support

Each Fellowship will provide funding of \$7,000 for the summer of 2017. All Fellows will be expected to participate in the 2017 ESPP Research Symposium in the fall of 2017. 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 urban environment and the summer research plan. Students should provide a brief statement on how their graduate work is tied to urban environment 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 2017.

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 urban environment 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 urban environment 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. Urban Environment Summer Fellowship offers will be made around mid-March 2017.

Applications must be submitted electronically to espp@msu.edu by 5:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2017. Late materials will not be accepted.

Application Form
ESPP Urban Environment 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):