

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

ESPP Capstone Project Application

The goal of the ESPP Capstone project is to give students an integrative experience of interdisciplinary environmental science and policy research, that builds on their knowledge from previous ESP courses and helps solidify the networks and community the students have created with others both in and beyond the Environmental Science and Policy Program.

Two courses are designed to serve as a platform for the Capstone experience – ESP 804 and FW 868. When neither course is available or attractive to a student, the student may propose an alternative *Capstone project* to fulfil the final requirement of the Environmental Science and Policy Specialization.

Before beginning such a project, the student must submit a proposal to and receive approval from the director of ESPP. To be approved, proposals must include the following elements:

- Intellectual merit,
- Demonstration of interdisciplinarity of the project,
- Evidence of relevant policy questions to be explored and their connections to interdisciplinary science,
- Proof of collaboration, ideally with others of different disciplines from the ESPP community, but at the least with others outside of the students' home discipline,
- A timeline of regular meetings with group members and/or advisors,
- A plan for publishing the final product, whether it be a white paper, report or other publication, and
- A substantial direct contribution to the project by the student.

If you decide to pursue a capstone experience project, please submit your proposal (up to three pages) to espp@msu.edu with the subject line "Capstone Project Proposal."



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Student Signature confirming that they understand
the requirements of the capstone project.