

FAES Environmental Graduate Research Fellowship

The Ohio State University is one of the world's best public research universities, offering about 280 graduate study programs in all. The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) offers 17 of those programs through its academic departments, interdisciplinary programs, and School of Environment and Natural Resources. CFAES is made of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and OSU Extension. Together, these two arms translate cutting edge research to stakeholders across the state.

Research is a key component of graduate education and much of the research done at the college is supported by the OARDC. Thus, these graduate awards are offered through OARDC funding to recruit the very best graduate students studying environmental research. Up to seven (7) Fellowships will be awarded in 2019.

I. Eligibility

Fellowship awards are open to students seeking to begin an M.S. or Ph.D. program at The Ohio State University.

II. Duration of Appointment

Fellowship support for each student will be limited to one year of funding for all awards, including any applicable tuition and fees, will be provided (M.S. and Ph.D. students). The academic units or advisors receiving environmental fellowships must agree to extend GA support for M.S. students for at least one year and Ph.D. students for at least two years at the same stipend rate provided that satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree is demonstrated. Funds to support the awards will be available on July 1, 2019.

Our top choices for these Fellowships will often evaluate opportunities elsewhere. Consequently, this fellowship program must be coupled with an aggressive recruitment of top candidates.

III. Stipend

The award will be a total of \$23,300 for one-year for M.S. candidates, or \$25,300 for one-year for Ph.D. candidates, including any applicable tuition and fees. Awardees must carry a minimum of 12 graduate credit hours per semester and may not hold other appointments during the award period. Fellowship recipients are not required to perform services as a condition for receiving the stipend awarded during the fellowship year. Responsibilities in subsequent years will be dictated by the source(s) of funding.

IV. Nomination Guidelines

Each graduate program may submit up to five (5) nominations as are eligible according to the guidelines and depending on the quality of nominees, a program or department may receive up to



four (4) of the (7) seven awards offered. The prospective faculty advisor should be in CFAES or hold an OARDC appointment.

V. Nomination Procedure

Graduate Studies Committees from departments (school) or the Environmental Science Graduate Program should nominate students by electronic submission at oardc.ohio-state.edu/competitions **on or before 5:00pm Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

The nomination packet must include:

- a. Nomination cover page.
- b. College transcript(s) from OSU and previous institution(s). A GPA of 3.6 or higher (on a scale of 4) is desirable.
- c. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are optional. A 75th percentile average on the GRE general exam's Verbal and Quantitative components, and a 4.0 on the GRE Analytical Writing component are desirable.
- d. Three letters of recommendation.
- e. A personal statement from the student describing his/her research and professional goals (up to two-pages, typed, single spaced). The student's name should be added to the top of their personal statement.
- f. A curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's educational training, relevant work experiences, honors, and other evidence of scholarly productivity and performance (e.g. publications) is recommended.
- g. A letter from prospective faculty advisor or graduate studies chair on how the student's research will support the College's priority areas related to environmental quality. Special consideration will be given to projects directed at issues related to climate change or carbon and water in the earth system.
- h. The OSU Admissions Application Worksheet Form.

VI. Evaluation Procedure

Nominations will be evaluated by an Environmental Fellowship Committee appointed by the CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education. The target date for a final announcement of the awards is approximately **February 18, 2019.**

Nomination Cover Page
FAES Environmental Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Nominating Graduate Program: _____

Nominee: _____

Requested Degree: _____ M.S. _____ Ph.D.

Probable Faculty Advisor: _____

By the published deadline, this nomination must be electronically uploaded as **one pdf document** and contain the following materials to be considered complete. **Nominations with missing documents will not be considered for awards.**

_____ Nomination Cover Page

_____ College transcripts, OSU and previous institution(s)

_____ GRE scores (optional)

_____ Three letters of recommendation

_____ Personal statement by the student (up to two-pages, typed, single spaced)
describing his/her research and professional goals and research accomplishments

_____ A curriculum vitae for the applicant

_____ Letter from prospective faculty advisor or graduate studies chair on how student's
research will support the College's priority areas in environmental research

_____ OSU Admissions Application Worksheet Form

_____ Combine documents into **one pdf** and upload to oarc.ohio-state.edu/competitions