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 23 of those programs through its academic departments, interdisciplinary programs, and School of Environment and Natural Resources.

Research is a key component of graduate education. CFAES translates cutting edge research to stakeholders across the state. By engaging with our stakeholders, we provide research, technology, and knowledge to support safe, sustainable, and viable agricultural practices across Ohio and the world.

These graduate awards are offered to recruit the very best graduate students studying environmental science. Up to seven (7) Fellowships will be awarded in 2020. It is important to note that the most competitive applicants for these Fellowships will often evaluate opportunities elsewhere. Consequently, this fellowship program must be coupled with an aggressive recruitment of top candidates.

I. Eligibility
Fellowship awards are open to students seeking to begin an M.S. or Ph.D. program at The Ohio State University, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. The prospective faculty advisor must be a part of CFAES or hold an OARDC appointment.

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. 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, 2020. Note that if an OSU Fellowship is received, the FAES Environmental Fellowship can be deferred until the following year. If a department award is received, the FAES Environmental Fellowship is to be used first and the department award deferred until the following year.

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. Awardedes 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 nominate up to four (4) students for the FAES Environmental Graduate Research Fellowship. Depending on the quality of nominees, a program or department may receive up to three (3) of the seven (7) awards offered. Although students may be nominated for both the FAES Environmental Fellowship and the college Associateship programs, students will only be permitted one award from one of the programs.

V.  **Nomination Procedure**
Graduate Program Coordinators from each program should nominate students by electronic submission at oardc.ohio-state.edu/competitions on or before 5:00pm Thursday, January 23, 2020. Note that programs are permitted to submit nomination packets to CFAES in the order required by the OSU Graduate School Fellowships.

The nomination packet must include:
- a. Nomination cover page.
- b. The OSU Admissions Application Worksheet Form.
- c. College transcript(s) from OSU and previous institution(s). A GPA of 3.6 or higher (on a scale of 4) is required. If a program would like to nominate an outstanding student not meeting this GPA requirement, the program must include a brief explanation as to why this student is being nominated.
- d. 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.
- 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 letter of support from the prospective faculty advisor or graduate studies chair describing how the student’s research will contribute to the graduate program and the field of environmental science. Note the prospective faculty advisor must hold an OARDC appointment and this should be specified in the letter of nomination.
- g. Three letters of recommendation.
- h. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are optional.

VI.  **Evaluation Procedure**
Nominations will be evaluated by the 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 17, 2020.

Please contact Kayla Arnold, CFAES Graduate Education Coordinator, with any questions.
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
- OSU Admissions Application Worksheet Form
- College transcripts - OSU and previous institution(s)
- A curriculum vitae for the applicant
- Personal statement by the student (up to two-pages, typed, single spaced) describing his/her research and professional goals and research accomplishments
- Letter from prospective faculty advisor or graduate studies chair on how student’s research will support the College’s priority areas in environmental research
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are optional
- Combine documents into **one pdf** and upload to oardc.ohio-state.edu/competitions