

**Catherine Z. and Richard J. Becker
Environmental Science and Policy Graduate Research Fellowship**

Purpose

Graduate Research Fellowships will be awarded to up to two master's and two doctoral students for the academic year 2025-2026. The Fellowship provides more opportunities for Environmental Science and Policy (ESP) graduate students to serve as Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs). Preference will be given to students expressing interest in how human populations impact environmental sustainability. The intent of this GRA position is to encourage and reward students with a clear research question and approach by defraying the costs of pursuing their stated goals. Interested students should apply by identifying their area of environmental research interest and will be selected on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be enrolled in the Environmental Science and Policy Master's program or Environmental Science and Public Policy Doctoral Program. (Previous Becker's fellows are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to students not previously funded)
- Previous experience as a GTA or equivalent
- Must have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Master's Students: Must have an advisor and approved research proposal.
- Doctoral Students: Must have completed required coursework (in-progress courses count toward the completed coursework), an advisor/committee chair, an approved dissertation proposal and must have advanced to candidacy or plan to advance to candidacy in the semester they are applying (Spring 2024).

Award Funding

MS Fellows:

- \$25,500 stipend annually (20 hours/week, \$19,500 Academic Year, \$6000 Summer term)
- Tuition waiver: up to 12 tuition credits at the in-state rate. (up to 6 credits in Fall and 6 credits in Spring)

PhD Fellows:

- \$32,000 stipend annually (20 hours/week, \$24,000 Academic Year, \$8000 Summer term)
- Tuition waiver: up to 12 tuition credits at the in-state rate. (up to 6 credits in Fall and 6 credits in Spring)

Both Fellowships:

- Up to an additional \$2,000 in supply costs

Application Process

Students must submit the following materials by **12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, February 9, 2025** by email to the ESP Graduate Program Office at espgrad@gmu.edu: Applicant Cover Letter, Proposal, References, Budget and justification (if applicable), CV, letter of recommendation from advisor (to be submitted separately). Please include "Graduate Student Fellowships Application" in the subject line of the email.