
Fall 2022-Summer 2023
Catherine and Richard Becker
Graduate Research Fellowship



Overview

Graduate Research Fellowships will be awarded to two master's and two doctoral students for the academic year 2022-2023. The Fellowship enables a more inclusive graduate academic experience - incorporating learning, teaching and research - by providing more opportunities for Environmental Science and Policy (ESP) graduate students to serve as Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs). 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. Preference will be given to students expressing interest in how human populations impact environmental sustainability.

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 not eligible to apply)
- Previous experience as a GTA or equivalent
- Must have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- **Masters 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 2022).

Application Process

Students must submit the following materials by **5 pm, Friday, April 15, 2022**

- Application letter: The letter should include a statement of interest, plan for the Fellowship, to include teaching experience and an explanation of financial need (max 2 pages single spaced)
- Title and summary of the proposed research (max 1-page single spaced)
- CV (max 2 pages)
- Letter of Recommendation by advisor. The advisor must be submitted directly to the ESP Graduate Program Office at kturne2@gmu.edu

Submission

The Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit all materials via email to Keanah Turner in the ESP Graduate Program Office at kturne2@gmu.edu by **5 pm, Friday, April 15, 2022**.

Award Funding

- **M.S. Fellows:**
 - \$24,000 stipend annually (20 hours/week \$18,000 Academic Year, \$6000 Summer term)
 - Tuition waiver: 12 credits of in-state credits. (6 credits in Fall, 6 credits in Spring)
- **PhD Fellows:**
 - \$32,000 stipend annually (20 hours/week \$24,000 Academic Year, \$8000 Summer term)
 - Tuition waiver: 18 credits of in-state credits. (9 credits in Fall, 9 credits in Spring)

Contacts

- A. Alonso Aguirre, Department Chair
- Changwoo. Ahn, Graduate Program Director
- Keanah Turner, Graduate Program Coordinator
- Questions: Please email esgrad@gmu.edu



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