

Environmental Science and Policy Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships

The Richard S. Groover Award – Virginia Academy of Science

Purpose

The Virginia Academy of Science is pleased to announce the availability of the Richard S. Groover graduate student grants. Funding can be used for student research that contributes to the mission of the Environmental Science and Policy Department - understanding and implementing science and public policy to address and solve complex environmental issues that challenge the integrity and sustainability of global systems. Up to \$1,500 may be requested, but award amount will depend on strength of submission, number of qualified applicants, and availability of funds. Previous recipients are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to students not previously funded.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be enrolled in the Environmental Science and Policy Master's program or Environmental Science and Public Policy Doctoral Program.
- 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) and an advisor/committee chair.

Award Funding

Up to \$1,500 annually. The actual amount awarded will be based on the budget submitted with the application.

Application Process

Students must submit the following materials by 8:00 a.m., Monday, February 16, 2026, by email to the ESP Graduate Program Office at espgrad@gmu.edu: The application must include the Student Information, Proposal, References, Budget and justification, CV, letter of recommendation from advisor (to be submitted separately). Please include "Graduate Student Fellowships Application" in the subject line of the email.