

Environmental Science and Policy Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships

Ann C. Powel Endowed Memorial Fund

Purpose

The Potomac Environmental Research and Education Center (PEREC) is pleased to announce the availability of graduate student grants under the Ann C. Powel Scholarship Fund. The grants will be made to individual students with faculty advisors who are members of PEREC. Funding can be used for student research that contributes to the mission of PEREC, which is to advance scientific knowledge and stewardship of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Up to \$3,000 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 \$3,000 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.