Muir Institute Graduate Fellowship
Open Call for Applications

The John Muir Institute of the Environment will award up to six fellowships to UC Davis graduate students classified as “continuing students” in support of research in one of the five core Muir Institute initiatives for research occurring in 2020. The Muir Institute links science and technology to policy, providing the intellectual setting for interactions between researchers, regulatory agencies, policymakers, and the public. Key initiatives at the Muir Institute and its centers include:

- One Climate
- Big Environmental Data
- Wild Energy
- Polar Forum
- World Water Initiative

A "continuing student" is a student who has already been officially admitted to UC Davis, is registered and enrolled in classes during the current academic year, and will be registered and enrolled during the academic year in which the funding will be paid. Applications that connect with One Climate Partners and coordinate with Muir Institute centers and groups will be given preference. The fellowships will be for up to $5000.00 for research costs (equipment and supplies) and research or conference related travel distributed to the department hosting the graduate student. Research should be focused on policy solutions and strategies relevant to California issues. The awardees must participate in an end of year symposium to present their research to the public. Through the year, professional development opportunities such as field site visits, communications workshops, and an informal speaker series will be provided. Students will be required to attend the kick off session, speaker events, the mid-term update meeting and give an oral or poster presentation at a public symposium with an accompanying white paper in November or December of 2020. Your PI may have additional requirements.

The application deadline for this call is: September 30th, 2019.

Eligibility

Awards are a mark of honor, primarily on the basis of scholarship and promise of outstanding academic and professional contribution. In evaluating applications, consideration is given to the extent and quality of previous undergraduate and graduate work, evidence of ability in research or other creative accomplishment, evidence of intellectual capacity, and promise of productive scholarship.

Items to be included in this evaluation are: graduate grade-point average (GPA); academic transcripts; statement of purpose essay, including a description of how the proposed research is linked to California state policy (please limit to 500 words); personal history statement essay (please limit to 500 words); one letter of recommendation from your supporting professor/advisor PI, contact information for two professional references; and other documentation such as publications and awards. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order to be considered for fellowships.

In order to be paid a fellowship, graduate students must have an eligible citizenship status (US Citizen, Permanent Resident, F1 or J1 Visa, California AB 540). Fellowship offers made to students without an eligible citizenship status will be void.

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Please go to [https://grad.ucdavis.edu/financial-support/internal-fellowships/internal-fellowship-competition-current-graduate-students](https://grad.ucdavis.edu/financial-support/internal-fellowships/internal-fellowship-competition-current-graduate-students) and look for the Muir Institute Graduate Fellowship to apply or send application materials directly to Sarah Oktay at sdoktay@ucdavis.edu.

For questions on the Muir Institute Graduate Fellowship Program, please contact Dr. [Sarah Oktay](mailto:sdoktay@ucdavis.edu) at sdoktay@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-6949.