

CSUS ENDOWED FELLOWSHIPS

(Fall 2020 application for Spring 2021 awards)



The Department of Community Sustainability has opened the application submission window for endowed fellowships and scholarships, which will be awarded during the Spring 2021 Graduate Awards Program. Each award has its own eligibility requirements and honors a person having passion and a history of support in the relevant field of study. See the CSUS Department Graduate website or the attached files for details:

http://www.canr.msu.edu/csus/graduate/current_students/graduate_fellowship

1. The **Malcolm and Ann Kerr Award for Excellence in Scholarship**: first established in 2017, to provide an opportunity for top PhD students in the Department of Community Sustainability (CSUS) to gain university teaching experience so that they may become more competitive for faculty positions after graduation.
2. The **George & Nancy Axinn International Scholarship**: endowed by late Professors George and Nancy Axinn to support graduate students who wish to pursue careers in international development.
3. The **Milton H. Steinmueller Fellowship in Natural Resources and Environmental Policy**: established with gifts from alumni, colleagues, and friends to honor the career of Dr. Milton Steinmueller, this award supports PhD students having a passion for and career goal to teach in natural resources and environmental policy.
4. The **Harriette B. Sherman Scholarship in Recreation and Tourism Systems**: created by Bob Ruigh to support non-traditional students enrolled in the Department of Community Sustainability (CSUS) and who are pursuing studies in the area of recreation and tourism systems.
5. The **Gilbert W. Mouser Scholarship in Conservation and Environmental Education**: established by Dr. John McVickar to recognize outstanding graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) who are focused on the study and practice of conservation and environmental education.
6. The **Jon F. Bartholic Ensuring the Future of Michigan's Natural Resources Fund**: established in 2017 by Dr. Jon Bartholic to support research and community-based projects that identify and study land and water resources problems in pursuit of solutions that will ensure the future of Michigan water resources.

Note that all award review committee members are appointed after applications are received so that we can avoid conflict of interest for review committee members and letter of recommendation writers.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP:

- Completed application cover form (NOTE: students must be in "**good standing**" at time of application for all)
- Student's application letter or essay (justifying your qualifications as related to the purpose and intent of the scholarship; your academic and professional goals); separate cover form, due date, guidelines for Kerr award.
- Letter of support from student's advisor expressing support for the application and addressing student's qualifications and eligibility for this fellowship
- Additional letter of recommendation, also addressing student's qualifications and eligibility for this fellowship (faculty references preferred)
- Updated transcript (can be photocopy or unofficial; for new MSU applicants, we can use transcripts in your MSU application file)
- Updated resumé

DEADLINES: **Submit complete Kerr scholarship application packet NO LATER THAN October 15, 2020.**
 Submit complete application packet for other awards NO LATER THAN December 1, 2020.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKET TO:

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"GOOD STANDING" includes: submitting annual assessments and RCR training documentation on time [if due]; submitting timely reports on previous scholarships and fellowships (including GOF); having a committee & having a signed Program Plan filed [if due based on your program start date]; making adequate progress on degree; maintaining GPA of 3.0 or higher; no violations of scholarly ethics or University policies.