The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to announce the annual competition for its graduate fellowships. We are using a common application process to award all the fellowships described at the end of this document. The information that each applicant provides on the ‘FW Fellowship Application Cover Sheet’ (attached and available below) will be used to determine the eligibility of each applicant for each of the fellowships. Each applicant will be considered for all the fellowships for which they are eligible.

Funds for all awards will be distributed at the beginning of the fall 2023 semester, unless otherwise stated.

Criteria for the awards are as follows:

- Student must be a graduate student who is or will be enrolled in the Fisheries and Wildlife or related program pursuing a MS or PhD degree as it relates to the specific fellowship.
- Preference will be given to students:
  - who will be matriculating to the department in the coming academic year,
  - pursuing advanced degrees, MS or PhD in the areas of Fisheries, Wildlife, Disease Ecology, Conservation Medicine, Limnology, or Water Quality making timely progress toward their degree,
  - engaged in a program relevant to the fellowship,
  - who have not received the award previously,
  - who demonstrate financial need, and
  - who provide evidence of likely professional success and excellence related to the purposes of the award, e.g., through research and outreach products (such as publications, presentations, programs, and workshops) and other professional activities.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

I. Completed FW Fellowship Application Cover Sheet

II. Short (not to exceed one typed, single-spaced page) statement summarizing: (a) the primary goals or questions that their research and/or outreach/engagement addresses and how it will contribute to the advancement of science and/or natural resources conservation, and (b) including a summary of the types of financial support previously received as a graduate student, current support, and/or expected support through the duration of your program. Students should also indicate how they would use the money from the fellowship if awarded.

III. Current CV or Resume

Items I, II, and III should be submitted as a single pdf file with the applicant’s name and ‘FW Fellowship Application’ in the filename.
IV. **Confidential Letter of Support from Major Advisor.** Student should request a letter from their intended or current major advisor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at MSU. This letter should include faculty assessment of the student’s performance toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner, student’s financial need, and student’s potential for excellence in their research and/or outreach/engagement area and future promise. **Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner (reasoner@msu.edu).**

V. **Additional Confidential Reference Letter.** Students should request a letter of support from someone who is knowledgeable about the student’s academic and/or professional goals. Reference should comment on student’s potential for excellence in research and/or outreach/engagement area and future promise. **Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner (reasoner@msu.edu).**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 27, 2023 (all materials must be RECEIVED by this date)**

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED**

*FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION NOT BEING REVIEWED*
Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Fellowship Cover Page

(Please complete and include this Cover Page as the first page of your application). Funds for most awards will be distributed at the beginning of fall semester, 2023. All application materials are due to Sharon Reasoner (reasoner@msu.edu) by January 27, 2023.

Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Which degree are you currently pursuing?  MS ☐  PhD ☐

Thesis or Dissertation Title:

Thesis or Dissertation Advisor:

What is the primary area of emphasis of your research?  (select one)
☐ Fisheries Conservation and Management  ☐ Limnology
☐ Water Quality  ☐ Wildlife Conservation and Management
☐ Avian Conservation and Management  ☐ Other

If you selected other, please state your primary area of research emphasis:

Does your research focus on the Great Lakes or their connecting waterways and tributary streams?  Yes ☐  No ☐

Does your research address arctic or Antarctic regions? YES ☐  NO ☐

Are you a US Citizen? YES ☐  NO ☐  Are you a resident or citizen of Denmark?: Yes ☐  No ☐

Are you enrolled in the FW Disease Ecology and Conservation Medicine specialization?  Yes ☐  No ☐

Semester, Year and Department Name you were accepted into:

Anticipated Graduation Date:
**Robert C. Ball and Betty A. Ball Fisheries and Wildlife Fellowship** – The purpose of this award is to recognize a student(s) committed to the study of fisheries, limnology, or water quality and who are U.S. Citizens. Dr. Robert C. Ball was one of the first members of the faculty in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University. He is a well-known and respected limnologist. During his tenure, the limnology program within the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife was highly regarded nationally and he served as the advisor for many graduate students who became well-known limnologists. In addition to his faculty role, Dr. Ball also served as the Director of the Institute for Water Research. Two ~$5,000 awards.

**Hal and Jean Glassen Conservation Medicine Fellowship** - The purpose of this award is to recognize a student committed to the study of Fish and Wildlife Disease Ecology and Conservation Medicine. Hal and Jean Glassen were avid hunters who believed in the scientific management of wildlife. Lifelong conservationists, they supported research and programs aimed at habitat improvement, sustainable harvest through controlled hunting, and understanding the carrying capacity of land for wildlife. This fellowship was established as a means of providing support to deserving graduate students enrolled in the Fish and Wildlife Disease Ecology and Conservation Medicine Specialization and pursuing graduate-level research related to the goals of this specialization. Student must be a graduate student who is or will be enrolled in the Fish and Wildlife Disease Ecology and Conservation Medicine Specialization pursuing a MS or PhD degree. Two ~$4,000 awards.

**The Joseph Laurence Maison Fellowship** - The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who is committed to pursuing a career in wildlife conservation. Joe Maison, who was a Michigan outdoorsman and hunter all his life, through experience came to understand something of the lives of local wildlife. He had great respect for the state’s animals, birds and fish and appreciated the idea of habitat conservation. Two ~$2,500 awards.

**Dr. Howard A. Tanner Fisheries Excellence Fellowship** - The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who is committed to fisheries research related to the Great Lakes, connecting waterway or tributary stream research. Dr. Howard Tanner is an alumnus of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife earning his Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. Robert Ball – a well-respected limnologist. In the mid-1960’s, Dr. Tanner served as the Chief of the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) where he was heavily involved in the initial salmon stocking in the Great Lakes. From there, he served as the Director of Natural Resources for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. One ~$2,500 award.

**John Peters and Marietta Peters Endowed Fellowship** – The purpose of this award is to recognize a graduate student who seeks a career in aquatic biology related to fisheries and wetlands resources, an interest in the protection and management of aquatic habitats dealing with issues related to physical changes of channels, water quality, and the allocation of water resources. Dr. Peters professional career spanned 3 decades with Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Bureau of Reclamation, and Environmental Protection Agency. His work focused on the aquatic environment with particular interest in environmental protection of aquatic resources. Two ~ 2,500

**The Vera M. Wallach Graduate Fellowship** - This award is for Michigan State University Graduate Students studying wildlife management, wildlife ecology, or natural resource management, or conducting Arctic and Antarctic research, with emphasis on the protection and preservation of wildlife in those regions. Priority shall be given to students who are citizens or residents of Denmark, or the US, in that order. Scholarships shall not be granted to students who are citizens or resident of other countries unless they agree in writing to return to their country of origin or repay the scholarship. Funds for this award will be distributed during the spring semester after acknowledgment of award has been received.