

Environmental Science and Policy Program Competitive Research Grant
Due November 15, 2022

The ESPP Competitive Research Grant (CRG) is designed to support interdisciplinary student research at the intersection of environmental science and policy. We anticipate awarding two \$4,000 grants to student researchers or research teams. Expenses should directly support the student's research; allowable expenses include travel, software, instrumentation costs, and participant support costs. If travel is included, it must be approved prior to anticipated travel dates. Equipment (*e.g.*, computers, printers, scanners) is not an allowable expense for these funds. Students may not combine these fellowships with other fellowships from the College of Social Science.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- currently enrolled in a graduate program at Michigan State University,
- and currently enrolled in one of ESPP's graduate programs (*i.e.*, Dual Major Degree Program, Master's Specialization, or Modeling Certificate).

ESPP encourages submissions that:

- will result in a demonstrable advance to thinking on environmental science and policy,
- involve more than one student currently enrolled in an ESPP graduate program,
- explicitly integrate thinking across traditional disciplinary lines,
- address unique and timely research opportunities,
- are actual—not pilot—projects with strong potential for publication at their completion,
- and are submitted by students who have not previously received a Competitive Research Award or Summer Fellowship from ESPP.

Application Materials

To apply, students must send an email to espp@msu.edu with the subject line, "ESPP CRG Application", and a single PDF containing the following information in the order noted below. The entire applicant team should be courtesy copied on the email. All application materials ***must*** be submitted by 11:59pm on November 15th, 2022.

- **Title Page with Research Team Names and Affiliations.**
- **Short Project Narrative** (approximately 1000 words). Applicants should describe the need for the research, their approach, how the work will advance environmental science and policy, and team that will conduct the work. As relevant, the description of the team should explain how the work will advance any involved students' degree completion.
- **Project Budget.** Applicants should submit an explanation of their planned use of the funds awarded. Budgets less than or in excess of the planned limit (\$4,000) are permitted but should provide clear prioritization of the funds such that if the amount awarded is less than the total amount requested, it is clear how those funds would be used to ensure a successful project.
- **Current CV or resume.** Applicants should provide a current CV or resume for each member of the research team.

The ESPP Graduate Program Council will review proposals and make recommendations to the ESPP Director based on the encouraged criteria listed above. The ESPP Director will make final award decisions based on the reviews and availability of funding. Recipients will be notified by the 15th of December.