

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

Call for Research Proposals

2023-2024

Overview

The Master of Science in Environmental and Sustainability Studies (EVSS) Program will support **two** student/faculty research teams during the 2023-2024 academic year. Successful students will receive salary support of \$13,200 in the form of a Research Assistantship for two consecutive semesters. This stipend will provide funding for student salary and can be used for student travel, supplies, and publication support. Applicants shall submit a proposal to perform environmental studies and sustainability research along the lines of a thesis or internship project for the EVSS degree requirements.

Eligibility

- Students must be enrolled in the EVSS or Concurrent Program and be in good academic standing
- Student must be enrolled in courses during the terms of the assistantship
- Student must have their research/internship proposal approved by their committee by August 1st for Fall/Spring or December 1 for Spring/Summer assistantship dates
- Student must have at least two semesters left to complete their program
- Faculty sponsor must be an active member of the EVSS faculty, roster or adjunct/affiliate status (Type I or Type II) and serving as the student's research advisor. (Contact the EVSS Office for questions.)

Proposal Requirements

****Research proposals in response to this call are not equivalent to an approved thesis/internship proposal. Please review the EVSS Handbook for thesis proposal guidelines.**

- ◆ Cover Page
 - * Student Name and Faculty Advisor Name
 - * Project Title
 - * Abstract
- ◆ Statement of Interest
- ◆ Project Description
- ◆ Faculty letter

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by an independent panel and evaluated on:

- 1) Scientific merit and creativity
- 2) Feasibility of objectives
- 3) Clarity of methods
- 4) Likelihood for success
- 5) Relevancy to environmental studies

Failure to comply with any of the requirements will result in forfeiture of the assistantship.

Proposal Requirements (detailed)

The proposal should be single-spaced, 12-point font with 1" page margins.

◆ Cover Page

- * Student Name and Faculty Advisor Name
- * Desired terms of assistantship: Fall 2023/Spring 2024 or Spring 2024/Summer 2024
- * Project Title: Clearly identifies the project. *Maximum 20 words*
- * Abstract: A synopsis of the project relevance and methodology. *Maximum 150 words.*

◆ **Statement of Interest**: The **student** shall provide context on how the proposed research will advance their personal objectives in the EVSS Program and in their potential career following graduation, as well as potential plans for publication. *Maximum two (2) pages.*

◆ **Student Project Proposal**: Include the project proposal for which the student will be receiving their degree; this proposal narrative must be limited to **10 single-space pages** (which means students must edit their longer proposals to be concise). Under no circumstances is this proposal to be written by a faculty member, though the advisor and all committee members are expected to have contributed to the editing and refining of the project's research design.

◆ **Faculty letter**: The faculty member supervising the work shall also include a letter of support briefly describing the project and the broader impacts of the work.

Feedback

Research proposal packets will be sent to reviewers anonymously. All applicants will receive anonymous reviewers' comments after awards are announced.

Progress Report Requirements

Progress report: provide information on methods development (or changes since proposal), initial results, relevant project meetings, and any related publications or presentations regarding the project. *Maximum two (2) pages.*

Final report: provide a summary statement for the project (500 words maximum). Describe any changes in the proposed activities and provide a narrative that lists the details of the projects, the results (with figures and tables as appropriate), implications of the work, and list of cited literature. *Maximum six (6) pages.*

Submissions

The student/faculty team should submit all materials in one PDF document to davislh@cofc.edu by the deadline. **Late submissions will not be accepted for any reason.**

Important Dates

Proposals Due:

May 1, 2023

Notification of Award:

By May 15, 2023

Approved Proposal Due: *Fall*

2023/Spring 2024 -

August 1, 2022

Spring 2024/Summer 2024-

December 4, 2023

Progress/Final Report Due:

Fall 2023/Spring 2024-

Dec. 16, 2023/May 12, 2024

Spring 2024/Summer 2024

June 9, 2024/Aug. 8, 2024