

CSUS ENDOWED FELLOWSHIPS

The Department of Community Sustainability each year accepts applications from MS and PhD students for 7 endowed fellowships that are awarded in the Spring Graduate Awards ceremony. Each award has its own eligibility requirements and selection criteria. Please consult the awards website and prepare your materials to emphasize these criteria.

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 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 Professors George and Nancy Axinn to support MS and PhD 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 Mr. Bob Ruigh to support non-traditional MS and PhD students enrolled in Department of Community Sustainability 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 MS and PhD graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources who are focused on the study and practice of conservation and environmental education.
6. The **Jon F. Bartholic Ensuring the Future of Michigan's Water Resource Fund**: by Dr. Jon Bartholic to support graduate research and community-based projects that examine land and water resources problems to ensure the future of Michigan water resources.
7. The **Frank Fear Fellowship for Excellence in Community Engagement**: established in 2021, this award recognizes outstanding MS and PhD graduate students in the Department of Community Sustainability who excel as scholars and in the democratic practice of community engagement.

Note that award committees are appointed after applications are received to avoid any conflict of interest.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed application cover form (Students must be in "good standing" at time of application; see box below)
- Student application letter that presents qualifications as related to the selection criteria for the award
- Updated transcript (can be photocopy or unofficial; we can use MSU application transcripts for new students)
- Updated resumé
- Letter of support from student's advisor that addresses student qualifications relative to the selection criteria, Can be submitted separately by advisor
- Additional letter of recommendation, also addressing student's qualifications and eligibility for this specific fellowship

DEADLINES: **Submit complete Kerr scholarship application packet NO LATER THAN October 15th**
Submit complete application packet for other awards NO LATER THAN December 1st

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKET TO:

CSUS Graduate Program Coordinator
Email: rodebaug@msu.edu

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"GOOD STANDING"

Including, but not limited to: Making adequate progress on degree, maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher, managing GradPlan, no violations of scholarly ethics or University policies.



APPLICANT NAME:

DATE:

SELECT ONE AWARD:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> Axinn International Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Sherman Recreation & Tourism Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Bartholic Ensuring Future of MI's Natural Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Steinmueller Natural Resources & Environmental
<input type="checkbox"/> Mouser Conservation & Environmental Education |
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DESCRIPTION AND ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should read the fellowship and/or scholarship description available on the CSUS website before submitting an application.

NOMINATION Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by a faculty member (student completes materials).

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION FORMAT

Submit application items as a single PDF file no later than 5:00 p.m. December 1, as an email attachment submitted to the CSUS Graduate Office (rodebaug@msu.edu). Applicants applying for more than one fellowship/scholarship must submit a separate complete PDF application for each.

APPLICATION ITEMS:

Submit the items in order in a single PDF file (combine pages before signing).

ITEM 1 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION This must be completed in full. Use as cover sheet for your application.

ITEM 2 LETTER FROM APPLICANT Submit a letter justifying personal and academic qualifications as related to the intent of the scholarship/fellowship. Include a summary of current CSUS or STPAM degree focus and relate to academic and professional goals.

ITEM 3 TRANSCRIPTS Submit current transcripts. Scanned, unofficial copies are acceptable.

ITEM 4 RESUMÉ Include an updated, current resumé.

Recommenders may submit support letters separately (PDF files) labelled with award name, applicant's last name, recommender's last name (e.g., *Axinn-Smithstudent-Jonesrecommender*).

LETTER 1 LETTER FROM FACULTY ADVISOR This letter, to be written by the applicant's faculty advisor, should address the applicant's eligibility and qualifications as related to the intent of the specific scholarship or fellowship.

LETTER 2 LETTER FROM OTHER FACULTY MEMBER This recommendation, preferably written by a faculty member who is not the applicant's advisor, must address the applicant's eligibility and qualifications as related to the intent of the specific scholarship or fellowship.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

APPLICANT MSU EMAIL ADDRESS

FACULTY ADVISOR NAME

CURRENT GPA

DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL (country of origin)

CURRENT PROGRAM CSUS or STPAM

CURRENT DEGREE: MS-A, MS-B, PhD

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A CSUS ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP OR SCHOLARSHIP? If yes, list name(s) and year(s) received.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE SUBMITTED