

Request for Proposals

Robert H. Edgerley Environmental Toxicology Fund College of Biological Sciences

The College of Biological Sciences invites proposals for the 2008 Robert H. Edgerley Environmental Toxicology Fellowships to support graduate students conducting thesis or dissertation research in environmental toxicology.

Three kinds of awards will be made:

- 1) The Edgerley Fellowship for an outstanding graduate student, providing four quarters of support. The Fellowship will carry a stipend of \$25,000 (\$6,250/quarter) plus tuition, and up to an additional \$5,000 for research expenses. No more than two will be awarded per academic year.
- 2) The Edgerley Summer Fellowship provides a \$5,400 stipend for summer quarter, plus tuition, with up to \$3,000 for research expenses. If seasonal research demands it, students may apply for these fellowships in a quarter other than summer. Up to five will be awarded.
- 3) The Edgerley Travel Award provides up to \$2,000 for travel to research sites, conferences, advanced training, other purposes. Preference will be given to individuals requesting support of international travel. Up to ten will be awarded.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be enrolled full-time (at least 15 credit hours), and in good academic standing, in a graduate program with a major advisor in the College of Biological Sciences. Total credit hours must not exceed the 260 credit-hour limitation on earning state subsidy by the end of the fellowship period.

Application procedures:

- 1) The Edgerley Fellowship requires a one-page research pre-proposal and a research budget. The pre-proposal must clearly identify how the research fits within the rubric of environmental toxicology. The Faculty Advisory Committee will review pre-proposals and invite no more than four candidates to submit full 10-page proposals. The full proposal should include an introduction, preliminary results, an experimental plan, methods of analysis, and implications for future work. A detailed budget request should be fully justified.
- 2) The Edgerley Summer Fellowship requires a 3 page research proposal (plus references) and detailed budget request.
- 3) The Edgerley Travel Award requires a description of the travel, relationship of the proposed travel to the student's research, and a budget.

In addition, all applicants (including those submitting pre-proposals for the Edgerley Fellowship) must provide:

- A completed cover sheet (attached)
- An OSU transcript
- A curriculum vitae

Two letters of recommendation are also required. One letter must be from the applicant's major advisor, with a clear description of the applicant's progress towards degree completion. The second letter should be from an OSU faculty member who is familiar with the student and can provide an independent evaluation of the student's accomplishments and potential.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated and finalists selected by the Graduate Studies Committee chairs of the College of Biological Sciences.

Deadline: Submit all materials by Friday, **March 7, 2008** by 5:00 p.m. to:

Edgerley Fund
c/o Jill Hartman
College of Biological Sciences
105 Biological Sciences Building
484 W. 12th Ave.

Award decisions are expected to be announced by March 31, 2008.

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College of Biological Sciences**

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GRADUATE PROGRAM

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MAJOR ADVISOR

Desired Program:

CHECK ONE:

EDGERLEY FELLOWSHIP

EDGERLEY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

EDGERLEY TRAVEL AWARD

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