Cooke Environmental Fellowship
Summer 2016 Application Form
Deadline: Tuesday, March 1st at noon

Cooke Environmental Research Fellowship

Please note the PDF of this application is provided for informational purposes. Please fill out the application online through the Environmental Studies Fellowship website.

The Cooke Environmental Fellowship provides an opportunity for a student to conduct community based research with a faculty mentor within the field of environmental studies. The fellowship can be based at Bowdoin College or at an off-campus location. For projects based off-campus, students must identify a community organization that will act as host for the fellow and are asked to submit a letter of support from the organization. Preference is given to Environmental Studies majors or minors or members of Quinby House. Topics that are a current research focus for the Environmental Studies Program will be given higher priority.

Potential applicants are highly encouraged to meet with Eileen Johnson, Program Manager to discuss the proposed research project prior to the deadline.

Part A: Applicant/Project Information

Name: (as listed in Polaris):
Class Year:
Student ID:
Email:
SU Box:
Social house affiliation if any:

Faculty mentor: Name: Department:

Part B: Project Description

Please provide a complete project description. Your description cannot exceed two, one-sided, single-spaced, pages and should include:

- A description of the disciplinary context of your proposed project and its focus (i.e. the questions, ideas, and/or work you plan to examine and why);
- A description of the methodology you will employ to carry out your project; an explanation of how you will use your time;
- A description of how you have prepared yourself to undertake your proposed project (e.g. previous coursework, reading, research paper(s));
- A description of how your project will enhance your major and contribute to your future plans; and
- A description of the community based research component of your project. For research projects to be conducted off-campus, a host organization must be identified and a letter of support provided. For projects based at Bowdoin College, if the selection committee selects your project, the Environmental Studies Program can assist in identifying a community partner for your project.
Part C: Project Budget and Justification

Similar to all research fellowships, the Cooke Environmental Research Fellowship offers a $400 per week stipend for 8-10 weeks of research. In addition, applicants may request up to $500 in reimbursable project related expenses. If you wish to request support for project related expenses, please submit on a separate sheet an itemized budget and justification with all figures rounded to the nearest $10.

Part D: Attachments

- Your academic record printed from Polaris
- Your “Student Bio” form printed from Polaris
- For projects based off-campus, a letter of support from a sponsoring organization.

Application and all associated documents must be submitted by March 1st by noon. Please note that the application follows the standard format for Bowdoin College’s Institutional Research Fellowships. Students are encouraged to apply to appropriate institutional fellowships in addition to the Cooke Fellowship.

Part E: Letter of support – Note: Letter of support is emailed separately

Please attach page three of this application to your faculty mentor well in advance of the deadline so that he or she will have a clear understanding of what the letter must include. Your mentor will email his or her letter of support to Eileen Johnson (ejohnson@bowdoin.edu) by the deadline of March 1st at noon. Applicants should not provide hard copies of their letters of support as part of the application.

For more information, contact Eileen Johnson at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu
Faculty Letters of Support – Cooke Environmental Research Fellowship

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As the student’s faculty mentor, please include in your letter:
- an evaluation of the student's qualifications to carry out the proposed project;
- an assessment of the appropriateness of the proposed project's scope vis-à-vis the expertise required to conduct research in the discipline;
- a brief indication of the relationship of your mentee's project to your research and/or teaching;
- a description of the faculty-student mentoring relationship you envision for the fellowship period (e.g., frequency of your meetings, expectations for your mentee's ability to conduct work independently, etc.), and its appropriateness to the project and your discipline; and
- a brief statement on the community engagement component of the student’s project and how this might be of interest and value to your research and teaching.

Please submit your letter of support to Eileen Johnson at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu by Tuesday, March 1st at noon.