



## **Graduate Enhancement Awards, 2017**

### ***Deadline: Friday March 31, 2017 by 5:00pm***

**Overview:** The Montana Institute on Ecosystems (IoE) at the University of Montana has funds to support ongoing graduate research in the ecology/environmental sciences or related fields. Funds may be used for summer salary, research supplies, travel, hiring a technician, or publication support. Awards up to \$5,000 per student are available.

#### **Eligibility/Process**

- Open to graduate students at University of Montana, Montana Tech, Montana Western, and all Montana Tribal Colleges who are not graduating before December 2017
- Must be pursuing a degree in ecology/environmental sciences (considered broadly) or the social sciences-with environmental theme
- Awards can only fund research based in the United States and Canada (no foreign travel)
- Award budget cannot include capital equipment ( $\geq$ \$5,000), computers, or tuition
- Funds will be managed by the IoE; purchases require IoE pre-approval and reimbursements will be processed monthly
- All funds and travel must be completed prior to August 31, 2017
- Awarded students must complete Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research training

#### **Application**

Applicants should submit the following:

**1) Online Application** – [Montana Institute on Ecosystems Graduate Enhancement Awards](#)

**2) Research Proposal**

- 2000 words max, 12 pt. font. Proposal must include the following sections: conceptual framework, background, and research methodology

**3) Budget with written justification**

- Use the Montana IoE Graduate Awards Budget Template for primary budget
- Add additional page with justification summarizing usage of requested funds
- Please follow home department guidelines for summer research assistantships. Travel expenses must follow university policy

**4) Curriculum vitae**

#### **Reporting**

Successful applicants must submit a summary of progress to the Montana IoE once the award has been fully spent. Additional reporting to Montana NSF EPSCoR is also required at the end of the summer.

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