



Request for Proposals

Montana Water Center Graduate Student Fellowships

Funding cycle 3/1/2021 – 2/28/2022

Deadline for Proposals November 2, 2020



Overview

The Montana Water Center invites proposals for **Graduate Student Water Resource Fellowships**. The goal of these small grants is to support graduate students in the broad realm of water resources research within Montana and the region. Funds may support purchase of materials or supplies, travel to a scientific meeting for a presentation, travel for research training, laboratory fees, etc.

For a description of past awardees, see: <http://www.montanawatercenter.org/studentfellowships-1/>. Fellowships can range from \$500 - \$2000.

Applicant Eligibility and Conflicts of Interest

Any graduate student at a Montana institution of higher learning is eligible to apply for these awards. An applicant may not permit any federal employee to use his or her position for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being, in conflict of interest, either by giving the applicant an unfair advantage or by a desire for private financial gain.

Timeline

The planned start date for these projects is March 1, 2021, but this will depend upon the timing of the Congressional budget approval process for federal fiscal year 2021. The end date for all awards is Feb 28, 2022.

Year	Date	Action
2020	May 1	Request for proposals
	November 2	Proposals due electronically to the Montana Water Center by 5 pm
2021	January 15	Deadline for notification of awards
	April 1	One-year subcontracts issued by MSU Office of Sponsored Programs
2021	Feb 28	Funds must be spent by this date
2022	May 1	Final report due to Water Center

Proposal Format

Proposals should adhere to following format (with an 11-point font and 0.5-inch margin minimum):

Pages 1 & 2:

- Project Title
- Amount requested
- Duration of the Project
- Graduate student name and faculty advisor (include affiliations, phone, fax, e-mail addresses)
- Project description consisting of four sections: (1) Background and context, (2) Research questions or hypotheses, (3) Research approach, (4) Description of how requested funds will support research or professional development

Page 3: Literature cited

Page 4: Budget and justification for how the funds will be spent

Page 5+: Brief professional curriculum vita of the graduate student.

You must also include a **letter of support** from your faculty advisor or department head that can be sent separately to the email address below.

Proposal submission

Complete proposals must be sent as email attachments to both Wyatt Cross: wyatt.cross@montana.edu and Whitney Lonsdale: whitney.lonsdale@montana.edu. Proposals must arrive by 5:00 p.m. Nov 2, 2020.

This request is issued under the authority of the Water Resources Act, section 104b, administered by the US Department of Interior through the Water Resources Division of the US Geological Survey. Administering this competitive grant program is the responsibility of the Montana Water Center. All information requests can be directed to:

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