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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Program on Climate Change (PCC, uwpcc.washington.edu) is pleased to be able to offer a new graduate fellowship opportunity to begin between winter 2017 and winter 2018. The goal of these fellowships is to support one or more students with a clear passion for working across academic boundaries on projects grounded in climate science broadly defined. The applicants will submit a written proposal for research that is not currently defined as their dissertation research, and that has the support of faculty/staff in two different units (academic departments, research units, etc.). The goal of this opportunity is to build collaboration across disciplines while addressing a proposed climate related research, communication, data driven etc. goal. We have a total of 9 months (3 quarters) of support for this opportunity, and proposals asking for 3, 6 or 9 months of support will be considered. We will also entertain proposals for joint projects that include two graduate students that are matriculated in different departments. These funds will only be awarded if the applicant(s) and the proposed project(s) and collaborations clearly meet the goals and criteria described below. This fellowship opportunity will be made available again in 2017.

The applicant(s) must
1. Be currently enrolled in their first, second or third year of a PhD program at the UW;
2. Qualify for acceptance in the Graduate Certificate in Climate Change (requirements below);
3. Have demonstrated interest in participating in activities sponsored by the Program on Climate Change;
4. Have a commitment to completing a climate-related research project with a footprint in 2 departments/units; project must be co-advised, with active interest and participation from the two participating faculty/scientists.

Application materials must be submitted by 15 October 2016, for notification by 1 December 2016, and must include:

1. Cover letter w/statement of interest perhaps discussing the value of the fellowship and/or proposed research to their career goals, and how the proposed project is distinct from the students’ dissertation research.
2. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial are fine) highlighting courses that fulfill the prerequisites for the Graduate Certificate in Climate Science (GCeCS). Prerequisites for the GCeCS are: at least six quarters (four semesters) of undergraduate or graduate coursework in geophysical science, chemistry, biology or physics, including at least one quarter of chemistry all with an average grade of B (3.0) or above. Some computer programming (e.g. python or matlab) is also recommended but not required.
3. Resume or CV
4. Applicant research proposal (2-3 pages). Proposed research must have a clear footprint in two departments/units, commitment from advisors in two units, be grounded in climate science, and have goals that are distinct from their PhD research. Project should be scoped appropriately to be completed, or nearly completed during quarters when the student is supported by the PCC fellowship.
5. Letter of recommendation (1-page) from each of two advisors who are actively interested and committed to the success of the proposed research project. Faculty advisors should be or become familiar with the PCC and PCC educational goals and include in their recommendation how the
applicants’ interests relate to these goals, and expectations of successful completion of the proposed research project.

Applications may be submitted electronically to uwpc@uw.edu or in print form to:

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Each of the successful fellows will be administered as 3, 6 or 9-month, 0.5 FTE, research assistantship through the students’ home department. The PCC will also provide each of the selected fellows with $500 for use for travel to a national meeting or a research site, or for the purchase of books and supplies. Students can be matriculated in any PhD program on campus.

Please direct questions to the PCC Director, LuAnne Thompson (luanne@uw.edu), or to the PCC Program Specialist, Miriam Bertram (uwpc@u.washington.edu, 206-543-6521).