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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Program on Climate Change (PCC, https://pcc.uw.edu) is pleased to be able to offer interdisciplinary graduate fellowships to be awarded to begin between winter 2018 and winter 2019. This fellowship will support one or more students with a clear passion for working across academic boundaries on projects grounded in climate science broadly considered. The applicants will submit a written proposal for research that would not be possible without this funding, and that builds collaboration across disciplines. Proposals for 3, 6 or 9 months of support will be considered. We will also entertain proposals for joint projects that include two graduate students who 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.

The applicant(s) must
1. Have matriculated in a graduate program at the UW no earlier than September 2014;
2. Qualify for acceptance in the Graduate Certificate in Climate Change (https://pcc.uw.edu/education/graduate-certificate/);
3. Have demonstrated interest in participating in activities sponsored by the Program on Climate Change;
4. Develop a competitive proposal for research that either (a) adds a climate component to a students’ current course of study (for those not engaged in climate research) (b) develops an interdisciplinary component to a disciplinary project or (c) broadens an aspect of their research into a new direction that links strongly to climate science.

Application materials must be submitted by 15 October 2017, for notification by 1 December 2017, and must include:

A. Cover letter w/statement of interest. Discuss the value of the fellowship to the students’ graduate program and career goals.
B. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial are fine). Highlight science coursework.
C. Resume or CV.
D. Applicant research proposal (2-3 pages). Proposed research must be grounded in climate science and be scoped appropriately to be completed, or nearly completed during quarters when the student is supported by the PCC fellowship. Additionally, research proposals are encouraged, but not required, to have a clear footprint in two departments/units such that new connections are made. Applicants should articulate why the funding is needed to achieve the goals of the research and how the fellowship influences the course of the student’s research as defined by (4) above.
E. Letter(s) of recommendation (1-page). Letters should be solicited from each advisor named in the proposal. If the project serves to forge new connections, letters from faculty who are actively interested and committed to the success of the proposed research project should be solicited. The faculty advisor(s) 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.
F. Applications must be submitted electronically to uwpcc@uw.edu. Please direct questions to the PCC Director, LuAnne Thompson (luanne@uw.edu); after Sept 15 to PCC Director elect Cecilia Bitz (bitz@uw.edu) or to the PCC Program Specialist, Miriam Bertram (uwpcc@uw.edu, 206-543-6521).