

Michigan Sea Grant Extension Fellows Program for Michigan State University Graduate Students

Purpose

The Michigan Sea Grant Extension Fellows Program is designed for Michigan State University master's or doctoral students interested in engaged scholarship for research and extension engagement within the Great Lakes Region.

The program will enable graduate students interested in community-engaged scholarship and outreach and engagement relating to global freshwater fisheries; fisheries and food security; water quality, supply, and human health; Great Lakes commerce and transportation; or telecoupled systems to develop skills for helping decision-makers and other stakeholders to clarify actions or policy options, serving as honest brokers of policy alternatives, on issues important to the sustainability of the Great Lakes Region.

Michigan Sea Grant Extension, MSU Graduate School and University Outreach and Engagement sponsor this prototype program.

Assignment

The length of the assignment is for one year, starting fall semester 2015.

Eligibility

- Interested students must represent a focus on global freshwater fisheries; fisheries and food security; water quality, supply, and human health; Great Lakes commerce and transportation; or telecoupled systems related to the mission of the Michigan Sea Grant Extension Program.
- Students must complete the seminar for MSU Graduate Certification in Community Engagement prior to or during the Fellow year.
- Students must receive a recommendation from their graduate advisor.

In addition, doctoral students must have passed their comprehensive exams and defended their dissertation proposal. They also must obtain a ¼ graduate research or teaching assistantship facilitated by their graduate advisor for the academic year.

Application process

Interested students should submit application packets to Dr. Heather Triezenberg, Michigan Sea Grant Extension specialist and program coordinator. Each application packet (single PDF) must include:

- Completed application form.
- Short curriculum vitae (not to exceed 2 pages).
- Personal statement (not to exceed 1 page) with emphasis on what the prospective fellow expects to gain from the experience for enhancing integration of research and Extension, as well as professional development and what the fellow may be able to contribute to all participants' learning in the program.

- Recommendation form signed by adviser.

Application Deadline: Friday, September 11, 2015

Selections will be made and applicants notified by early October 2015.

Award

- **Recruitment Fellows for Extension Engagement (master's and doctoral students eligible)** – hourly pay or equivalent stipend up to \$500 total.
- **Doctoral Fellows for Extension Engagement** – hourly pay or equivalent stipend up to \$7,500 total.
- Once selected, **Fellows may be eligible to apply for limited project or portfolio support** (e.g., travel, creative works, materials production, etc.).

Network Activities

Students selected for this Fellows Program will be participants in periodic group and professional meetings to help establish a network of community-engaged graduate students and professionals interested in engaged research and extension.

More information

For more information contact Dr. Heather Triezenberg, vanden64@msu.edu, 517-353-5508, Manly Miles Building, 1405 S. Harrison Road, Room 305, East Lansing, MI 48823.

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Graduate Student Application:

Name: _____

Dept./School: _____

College: _____

Degree Sought: _____ Year in program: _____

Campus address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For Recruitment Fellows for Extension Engagement (master's and doctoral students eligible) (please check if yes):

____ I have submitted my application materials and plan to enroll in the [MSU Graduate Certification in Community Engagement Program](#).

____ I will work with Michigan Sea Grant Extension on the community engagement experience, a requirement of the [Graduate Certification in Community Engagement](#), toward integrating applicant's scholarship and scholarly activities with the [Sea Grant Extension Mission](#).

OR

For Doctoral Fellows for Extension Engagement (please check if yes):

____ I have passed my comprehensive exam, defended my dissertation proposal and have obtained a ¼ graduate research or teaching assistantship for the academic year.

____ I plan to participate in the [MSU Graduate Certification in Community Engagement Program](#).

____ I am a current participant in the [MSU Community Engagement Graduate Certification Program](#).

Application materials checklist:

____ Application form

____ Curriculum vitae (not to exceed 2 pages)

____ Personal statement

____ Recommendation form forwarded to advisor (i.e., graduate committee chair)

Name and email of advisor:

Return application packet to Dr. Heather Triezenberg via email to vanden64@msu.edu by **Friday, September 11, 2015.**

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Faculty Recommendation Form

Applicant information:

Name: _____

Dept./School: _____

College: _____

Degree Sought: _____ **Year in program:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Applicant's waiver of right to access:

I hereby waive my right to access this recommendation and any appropriate attachments written by _____ (advisor's name) on behalf of my application to the Michigan Sea Grant Extension Fellows Program. This waiver is effective insofar as the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of award of the fellowship.

(signature)

(date)

TO THE ADVISOR:

The applicant above has applied for a MI Sea Grant Extension Graduate Fellows Program. Please complete this form and return it to Dr. Heather Triezenberg via campus mail (Manly Miles Building, Room 305), fax (517) 884-8511 or email (vanden64@msu.edu) by **Friday, September 11, 2015**.

How do you rate the applicant on general research and scholarly ability?

___ Outstanding (highest 5%)

___ Very good (highest 10%)

___ Good (upper 25%)

___ Average (upper 50%)

___ Below average (lower 50%)

I make the following recommendation for the applicant's participation in the program.

___ Strongly recommend

___ Recommend

___ Recommend with reservations

___ Do not recommend

(Advisor's signature (i.e., Grad Committee Chair)

(date)

(Title)

(email)