DATE: February 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Summer Graduate Funding Opportunity: The Norma and Jerol Sonosky Environmental Sustainability Summer Fellowship

Dear USC Community;

The USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies (WIES) is pleased to offer a 12-week 2015 Summer Fellowship to support graduate research in environmental sustainability and/or alternative energy research. Promoting these themes is central to the mission of WIES, which strives to promote responsible and creative environmental stewardship in society and stimulate innovative research in marine and environmental sciences.

The Fellowship will support a select number of qualified summer Ph.D. students across the USC Dornsife College for summer research pertaining to these research themes. Proposals may come from Ph.D. students in any Dornsife department or program.

FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES:

Duration: Fellowships will be 12 weeks in duration (May 18 – August 21, 2015), available to graduate students currently enrolled in full-time doctoral studies.

Funding: Fellows will receive two months of summer salary at $2,333.33 per month (for a total of $4,667.00). Students are required to demonstrate that one additional month of equivalent summer salary will be provided by the student’s faculty advisor (for a total of 3 months of summer stipend, amounting to $6,700.00).

Additional Activities: The purpose of the Fellowship is to enhance graduate student research towards attaining a Ph.D. degree in the above-mentioned themes, and also to engage Fellows in professional development and public outreach training.

Three monthly professional development lunch seminars will be held for Fellows at the Wrigley Institute in the Allen Hancock Foundation building during the summer. Each Fellow will also contribute minor time to the Wrigley Institute’s summer educational and public outreach activities, as appropriate. Example activities: presentation of their research to school groups or visitors, serving on a grad student Q&A panel, or writing blog posts about their research for the WIES Student Research blog.
Close-Out: Upon completion of the fellowship, each Fellow must submit
1. A 2-page report on their summer fellowship research activities
2. A 10-minute research talk at the WIES Graduate Student Symposium in Fall 2015

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, March 27, 2015.

To apply, please submit the following via email to wiesgrad@usc.edu:

• Research proposal (2 pages max). Please include:
  o Proposed summer research goals, written for a general science audience;
  o Description of the significance/broader impact of your project;
  o Identification of a faculty advisor.
• Timeline of research milestones during the 12-week duration of the Fellowship.
• Letter of support from faculty advisor (may be sent separately by deadline). This letter must also confirm that one month of summer salary will be provided by the advisor, to complement the two months of Fellowship funding if awarded.
• Statement of any additional summer funding sources, and/or any extended travel that will occur during the funding period (Summer 2015).

Applications will be reviewed by a Wrigley Institute Fellowship Selection Committee. Fellows will be announced by mid-April. Contact Jessica Dutton with any questions, at jmdutton@usc.edu.

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Best Regards,

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