DATE: February 12, 2016

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

Dear USC Community;

The USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies (WIES) is pleased to announce the 2016 Norma and Jerol Sonosky Summer Fellowship: a 12-week fellowship to support Ph.D. research in environmental sustainability.

Topics may include (but are not exclusive to): human dynamics in and impacts upon natural systems, sustainable use of environmental resources, and alternative energy research. Promoting such themes is central to the mission of WIES, which strives to promote responsible and creative environmental stewardship in society and stimulate innovative research in environmental and marine sciences.

Proposals may come from Ph.D. students in any discipline, registered in full time studies in a USC Dornsife department or program. The 2016 Fellowship will support 3-4 Fellows.

FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES:

Duration: 12 weeks, summer semester (May 16 – August 15, 2016)

Funding: Fellows will receive two months of summer salary at $2,444 per month, for a total of $4,888. Students are required to demonstrate that one additional month of equivalent summer salary will be provided by a faculty advisor (for a total of 3 months of summer stipend, amounting to $7,332).

Activities: The purpose of the Fellowship is to enhance graduate student research towards attaining a Ph.D. degree in environmental sustainability themes. Students will spend the summer conducting independent research related to their graduate degree, under supervision of their faculty advisor.

Fellows will be expected to contribute minor time to the Wrigley Institute’s summer education, public outreach, or professional development activities as appropriate. Example activities include: presentation of their research to school groups or visitors, serving on grad student Q&A panels, or contributing to the WIES Student Research blog.
Close-Out: Upon completion of the fellowship, each Fellow must submit:
1. A 2-page summary report on their summer research activities
2. A 10-minute research talk at the WIES Graduate Student Symposium, Fall 2016

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, March 11, 2016.

To apply, please submit the following:

- Research proposal (2 pages max). Please include:
  - Proposed summer research goals, written for a general science audience;
  - Description of the significance/broader impact of your project;
  - Identification of a faculty advisor.
- Timeline of research milestones during the 12-week 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 Fellowship funding if awarded.
- Statement of any additional summer funding sources, and/or any extended travel that will occur during the Fellowship period (Summer 2016).

Applications and questions should be directed to Jessica Dutton at jmdutton@usc.edu

Applications will be reviewed by a Wrigley Institute Fellowship Selection Committee. Fellowship awardees will be announced by the end of March 2016. More information can also be found at http://dornsife.usc.edu/wrigley/sonoskyfellowship/

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Best Regards,

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