DATE: March 5, 2014

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

Dear USC Community;

The USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies is pleased to offer a 12-week Summer Fellowship to support graduate research in environmental themes, sustainability issues, and/or alternative energy during the summer of 2014. Promoting these themes is central to the mission of the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies, which strives to promote responsible and creative environmental stewardship in society and stimulate innovative leading-edge research in marine and environmental science.

The Fellowship will support a select number of qualified summer Ph.D. students across the USC Dornsife College for summer research pertaining to the environment, alternative energy, or sustainable solutions to environmental challenges. Proposals may come from Ph.D. students in any Dornsife department or program.

GUIDELINES:

Duration: Fellowships will be 12 weeks in duration (May 19 – August 22), available to students currently enrolled in full-time doctoral studies at USC.

Funding: Fellows will receive two months of summer salary at $2,250.00 per month (for a total of $4,500.00). 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 $6,834.00).

Additional Activities: The purpose of the Fellowship is to enhance graduate student research towards attaining a Ph.D. degree in the above-mentioned fields, and also to provide Fellows with 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 throughout the summer.

Acceptance of a fellowship will also require that each Fellow contribute minor time to Wrigley Institute educational and public outreach activities during the summer, as
appropriate. These activities may include: presentation of their research to school groups or visitors, help in developing related educational materials, serving on a grad student Q&A panel for undergrads interested in grad school, or writing blog posts about their research for the Wrigley Institute’s “Day in the Life” summer research blog and Wrigley website.

Close Out: Upon completion of the fellowship, each student will be required to submit 1) either a 2 page summary report, or a 3-5 minute video summarizing their summer research activities; and, 2) a 10 minute research talk at the Wrigley Institute's Graduate Student Symposium in the Fall of 2014 on the University Park Campus.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, April 4th, 2014.

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

• Research proposal (1 page in length). Included in this proposal should be: project summary, identification of a faculty advisor, and description of the significance/broader impact of the proposed research.
• Timeline of research milestones over the 12-week duration of the Fellowship
• Letter of recommendation from faculty advisor; may be sent separately by deadline. This letter must also confirm that 1 month salary support will be provided by the advisor, to complement the 2 months of Fellowship funding.
• Statement of any additional summer funding sources (beyond the above-mentioned 1 month of faculty support).

Applications will be reviewed by a Wrigley Institute Fellowship Selection Committee.

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Best Regards,

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