

Environmental Protection Agency – STAR Fellowships

Purpose The mission of the EPA is to protect the environment and to safeguard public health against environmental threats. STAR was established in 1995 to promote graduate study and career goals related to that mission.

Award

Tenable At any accredited university or college within the United States.

Number & Amount Approximately 125 (but may vary with funding authorization). Up to \$37,000 per year (with specific maximums for stipend, tuition and other expenses).

Duration Funds two years at the MA/MS level or three years at the doctoral level (usable over four years).

Eligibility

Who US citizen or permanent resident.

Eligible fields include those natural and social sciences areas where pertinent environmental and public health research is typically conducted.

When Final undergraduate year or first year of graduate school for masters funding. Final undergraduate OR final masters year OR through the fourth year of doctoral study for PhD funding.

Selection Criteria Evidence of career goals that fit the EPA mission. Very strong academic record. Early research and/or internship experience probably vital. About 2000 applicants.

Campus Deadline None.

Deadline October or November in recent years.

Application Electronically submitted “pre-application” packet that includes resume/transcript information and essays regarding your research plans and future objectives. Three letters of reference. Note that, despite the usage of the prefix *pre*, no further paperwork is required until winners have been selected.

Contact Jim Hohenbary will gladly answer questions about the EPA awards. He can be reached at 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.

Other Undergraduates who might fit the STAR Fellowship in future years should also look at the Udall and Hollings. NSF Graduate Fellowships may also fit well. The EPA Marshall Scholarship may also fit some interested students.

In 2008-09 they did not solicit new applicants, selecting additional winners from the 2007-08 applicant pool instead. It is possible that they may continue to utilize a biennial selection process in the future.

More information is available at <http://epa.gov/ncer/fellow>.