

## Steve Kale Graduate Fellowship Program 2021 request for proposals

The Department of Geography at Kansas State University is now considering research proposals for the Steve Kale Fellowship Program. Dr. Steven R. Kale was a native of the state of Kansas and earned a B.A. in Geography in 1970. He maintained his enthusiasm for geography throughout his career in transportation and was the recipient of the 2009 K-State Geography Distinguished Alumni Award. His goal and vision were to support student research in geography.

Kale fellowships support research activities to be undertaken during a twelve-week period as part of a thesis or dissertation. The Kale Fellowship is the premier award for graduate students in the Department of Geography and Geospatial Sciences, and applications for the award should reflect this. The proposed activities should be of the highest scholarly caliber, and the **applications should emphasize how receipt of the fellowship will enable the recipient to extend the scope of their research and contribute to broader geographical understanding**. Applicants should emphasize the conceptual aspects of the research, rather than methodological ones. The focus of the Kale Fellow should be entirely on research activities during the period the fellowship is held. Each Kale Fellow will present a research colloquium to the Department of Geography during the Fall semester following the fellowship. We expect to appoint one Kale Fellow pursuing an M.A. degree, and one Kale Fellow pursuing a Ph.D. during the period between May and August as funds and applications permit. These fellowships consist of a \$4500 stipend to the student.

### **Eligibility:**

Applicants must be currently enrolled full time at Kansas State University. For the graduate student fellowship, you must be enrolled in either the Geography masters or doctoral program, in good academic standing, and making satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Successful applicants may apply in subsequent years providing they still meet eligibility requirements, but priority will be given to new applicants. Receipt of other departmental awards (e.g. GGRG awards) does NOT preclude application for a Kale Fellowship.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Geography and Geospatial Sciences department graduate committee. Evaluation will be based on the merits and vision of the proposed research.

Kale Fellowship application forms are available at  
<http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/forms.html>

**To apply to be a Kale Graduate Fellow, prepare:**

1. A completed Kale Graduate Fellowship cover sheet
2. A short research proposal
  - a. title
  - b. one sentence overview of the proposed research
  - c. a 1000-word description of the research
  - d. a timeline of proposed activities
3. Your current *curriculum vita*
4. A letter of support from your faculty mentor stating how the funds will help you attain your research goals

Send a **single pdf** of items 1-3 and arrange to have the letter sent to:  
Dr. Douglas Goodin <[dgoodin@ksu.edu](mailto:dgoodin@ksu.edu)> by 5 pm CST, **04 April 2021**.