

Steve Kale Graduate Fellowship Program 2024 Request for Applications

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.

The Kale Fellowships are the premier award for graduate students in the Department of Geography and Geospatial Sciences. Kale fellowships support research activities during a twelve-week period in which the Kale Fellow's focus must be entirely on research. Applicants should:

- first provide their perspective on the status of their field of study within Geography,
- then highlight the contributions that they want to make to that field during their thesis or dissertation work, and
- finally summarize which steps they will take towards those contributions during the Kale Fellowship.

The proposed activities should be of the highest scholarly caliber, and the applicants should emphasize how research conducted during the fellowship period will contribute to addressing a key problem or knowledge gap in the applicants' sub-field of geography. Applicants should emphasize the conceptual aspects of the research, rather than methodological ones.

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.S. degree, and one Kale Fellow pursuing a Ph.D. 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, maintain 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. 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
<https://www.k-state.edu/geography/research/fellowships.html>

To apply to be a Kale Graduate Fellow, prepare:

1. A short application using the form on the Geography website, containing among others:

- a. Title
- b. a 1000-word description of the research
- c. a timeline of proposed activities
- d. your CV

2. A letter of support from your faculty mentor stating how the funds will help you attain your research goals

Submit your application and arrange to have the letter sent to: Dr. Arnaud J Temme (arnaudtemme@ksu.edu) by **5 pm CST, 15 April 2024**.