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[UW Program on Climate Change](#) Request for Proposals

Application Deadline: Oct 11, 2023

Graubard Fellowship in the Program on Climate Change

Purpose: “The Gift shall be used to create a term fellowship fund (“the Fund”) to provide financial assistance to graduate students engaged in climate science research and studies through the Program on Climate Change”

The Program on Climate Change (PCC) announces a graduate fellowship opportunity to fund graduate students starting as early as winter 2024 to be completed no later than end of winter quarter 2025. The Graubard Fellowship in the Program on Climate Change, funded by Katherine Graubard and William Calvin, will support at least three Ph.D. students working on climate science research broadly defined. Proposals for 3-9 months of support (0.5 FTE) will be considered. Funds must be used **prior** to the last 6 months of the students’ graduate program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 11, 2023. Submit to uwpsc@uw.edu.

Eligibility: Students who are currently matriculated in a PhD program at the UW that began between Fall 2020 and Fall 2022. Students from any program are invited to apply, but priority will be given to students in departments active in the PCC.

The application must include:

1. Academic transcript from the UW
2. Estimated date of degree completion
3. 1–2-page research proposal including title (see instructions below)
4. A brief budget narrative that includes the full cost of the fellowship for each quarter of study (including salary, benefits, and tuition)
5. Letter of recommendation from student’s PhD advisor that includes a statement of concurrence on degree completion date (see instructions below)
6. Statement of concurrence from named collaborators (see instructions below)

Research proposal instructions:

The student applicant must develop and submit a proposal that is up to two pages long (not including references) for research that **either** (a) **adds** a climate component to the students’ current course of study (for those not engaged in climate research) (b) **develops** an interdisciplinary component to a disciplinary project **or** (c) **broadens** an aspect of their research into a new direction that links strongly to climate science. The student should explicitly link the proposed work to one or more of these three criteria.

The proposal must also include justification for the number of quarters of support requested as part of the budget narrative, a list of faculty members who will advise on the proposed research, and how this project connects to the expertise of the faculty members involved.

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Recommendation letter instructions:

The application must also include a letter of recommendation from their PhD advisor that speaks to (1) the students' ability to successfully complete the proposed research with the requested level of support, (2) the importance of the proposed project to the broadening the student's skill and perspective and to advancing our understanding of climate and the implications of climate change, (3) their willingness to support the student on their proposed project and (4) applicants expected degree completion date.

Named collaborators must send a short statement of concurrence regarding their collaboration on the proposed research.

All letter writers should submit their letters or statements directly to uwpsc@uw.edu.

Post funding requirements:

1. Write a blog post on the research project and its outcomes within 3 months of the end of fellowship.
2. Present research at the annual Spring Symposium in the academic year following the end of fellowship.
3. Submit a thank you message to donors of this fund to the Advancement team in the College of the Environment. You will be contacted by a member of the College of the Environment Advancement team.

Questions? Contact Miriam Bertram (uwpsc@uw.edu)