

Request for Proposals: Bullard Fellowship Application for Continuing Students: 2016

The Bullard Fellowship program is supported by a generous gift from the estate of Thais Freda Bullard in memory of her father, Fred Mason Bullard. The Bullard Fellowship Program invites applications for support of graduate research to be awarded in the spring of 2016. Multiple awards of up to \$18K are possible depending upon the quality of the proposed work. The award is non-renewable and funds are to be spent in calendar year 2016. The Fellowship recipient is expected to present the findings of the research in a departmental seminar during or shortly following the award tenure, and to acknowledge the Bullard Fund support in related presentations and publications. The deadline to apply for a Bullard Fellowship is February 1, 2016. Decisions on the applications will be sent to applicants by March 1, 2016.

Support for continuing students is extremely competitive and only the strongest proposals receive funding. Successful proposals develop an idea that originated with the applicant, demonstrate a strong track record of success in the field of interest, and define the anticipated outcome of the research. The applicant's academic promise and suitability to perform the research will be evaluated from academic performance, previous research output, and letter(s) of support.

Eligibility

Continuing students, not their advisors, submit proposals. Applicants must have at least one first-author paper published, in press, or in review at a peer-reviewed journal at the time of submittal. As per the donor's intent, funds are for GG graduate students only.

Instructions

To apply for a Bullard Fellowship, prepare the following documents in PDF format and email them to ggdept@soest.hawaii.edu.

(1) Research proposal, ≤ 3 pages in length (including figures and captions, but not including references). The proposal should describe a question to be investigated that is (a) of interest to a community of geoscientists, (b) articulated so that a non-specialist can appreciate its importance, and (c) scoped to match the award duration of one year. The proposed methods should be explained succinctly, but with sufficient detail to demonstrate feasibility. The proposed work plan should be capable of either answering the question posed or rejecting a reasonable hypothesis.

(2) CV ≤ 2 pages. The CV should provide undergraduate and graduate GPA's and list all relevant coursework (e.g., foundational courses in physics, math, chemistry as well as geology courses in the specific area of research) and the grades received in these courses. Other items included in the CV should demonstrate possession of the academic preparation and skills necessary to complete the project.

(3) Letters (maximum of 2) of support from the advisor and, optionally, another supporting faculty member. The letter(s) should be sent directly from the faculty member to ggdept@soest.hawaii.edu, and should address the following points:

- The role the applicant played in developing the project.
- How the proposed research relates to currently-funded, pending or soon to be submitted proposals in which the advisor is involved.
- Likelihood that the work will result in a publication.
- Whether a funding source has been identified to support research costs (if any).
- Evaluate whether the applicant's scholarship and motivation are consistent with preparation for a career in science, as an academic leader or researcher.

(4) Budget. Allowable expenses include salary support and costs associated with research and travel. Salary support will be paid to the successful recipient(s) through a UH account; all other expenses will be paid by reimbursement (with required documentation) via the Bullard account at the UH Foundation. If salary support is included in the request, please work with your division fiscal officer to include the costs of fringe benefits. Salary support can be in the form of summer overload or regular semester RA support, but your request cannot exceed 50% at 6 months. Students must be enrolled as G&G graduate students for the entire duration of the budget period covered by their Bullard fellowship request.