

Don Swanson Graduate Fellowship Application

The Swanson Fellowship is awarded to continuing graduate students that show exceptional potential for success in graduate school, through a competitive application process. The award supports innovative research efforts spearheaded by students (as opposed to advisors) on Earth Science research in Hawaii. It supports up to 1 month of salary, travel, and research costs. It does not support fixed equipment such as computers). (see also https://www.soest.hawaii.edu/earthsciences/academics/es_scholarships.html)

The normal application deadline is April 1 or as determined annually by the department chair. To apply, complete the cover sheet on the following page & respond to items 1-4 in the instructions section below, in the narrative of your proposal. Compile these application materials into a single pdf file. Email the application to earth-dept@soest.hawaii.edu by the due date. In addition a faculty adviser must write a brief supporting letter. (See item #5 below)

Responsibilities: Before applying for the Swanson Fellowships applicants should be willing to take on the following responsibilities. Funds must be used in a manner consistent with the rules of the UH Foundation. Expenditures that require reimbursement must be properly documented. Publications resulting from these awards should explicitly acknowledge fellowship support. Recipients are also expected to make a presentation to the Earth Sciences department reporting research results in an appropriate venue, for example graduate or undergraduate seminar courses. When practical, recipients should conduct their research using facilities within the Earth Sciences department or SOEST.

Instructions:

1. Write a brief (no more than 1000 words & two figures) proposal that addresses the following questions.
 - What is problem to be addressed or the hypothesis to be tested?
 - Why is this project important?
 - How do you plan to accomplish your investigation?
2. Attach a brief bibliography for sources cited in #1 above. (Not part of word count)
3. Attach a budget and budget justification of not more than 1 page (Not included as part of the maximum word count). Requests for hourly wages, stipends or salary for the applicant will not be considered. Travel and related research expenses are appropriate if they support the research, but do not include travel to conferences, purchases of computers, or other equipment purchases. Note that the target amount for these awards is in the \$2500-3000 range, and must not exceed \$4000. Grants are made for one year only
4. Attach a brief (2 page maximum) biographical sketch. List education, GPA(s), positions held, and significant accomplishments. The Fellowship Review Committee seeks to evaluate the qualifications of the applicant for undertaking the proposed research.
5. Have the project supervisor you will work with write a short letter of recommendation in support of this application. This should be emailed separately to the Earth Sciences department by the April 1 deadline. (earth-dept@soest.hawaii.edu)

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Submit this cover sheet with your application materials

Name of Applicant:

Student ID Number:

Address:

☐ Master's Candidate (Years in Graduate School: _____)

☐ Ph.D. Candidate (Years in Graduate School: _____)

A. Project Title:

B. Project Supervisor(s)

C. Does a faculty mentor currently have research funds that may support this project? If so, please explain:

D. Duration of investigation (Give dates. The total duration should not exceed one year.).