

Announcing the Environmental Studies Program's Mentoring Grant Competition for 2008-2009

The Program on the Global Environment invites proposals from qualified graduate students in any discipline related to Environmental Studies for grants of up to \$2,500 for research that incorporates meaningful participation by Environmental Studies undergraduate majors or minors during 2008-2009. Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary program that draws on the strengths of the University of Chicago to address human interaction with the natural world. The B.A. program combines specialized course work in the social and natural sciences with broad-based distribution requirements to prepare students to understand and address complex environmental issues.

We welcome proposals for projects that address environmental topics including but not limited to environmental economics and policy, development, globalization, environmental history, landscape studies and human ecology, and environmental ethics, philosophy, and representation.

Advanced graduate students who specialize in Environmental topics, regardless of academic discipline, are encouraged to apply. These grants are designed to provide funding assistance for significant graduate student research projects that include or create opportunities for an undergraduate student to 1) participate in the collection and analysis of data, 2) contribute to research design, and 3) participate in the professional presentation of results. We will work with awardees in order to closely match the interests and training of the undergraduate participants with the work of their graduate student mentors. Preference will be given to well designed interdisciplinary projects that include an opportunity for ongoing undergraduate participation over an academic year. In the ideal case, opportunities for undergraduate B.A. thesis work would be included in the project.

Proposals must include a 1) two page description of the proposed research project, 2) an itemized budget, 3) a one page explanation of the role, responsibilities, and desired qualifications of the undergraduate participant, 4) a one paragraph discussion of your mentoring plans for project, and 5) a letter from your Faculty advisor supporting your research proposal. To apply, you should submit a C.V., cover letter not to exceed one page, and items 1-5, above. Submit all materials to Dean Clason, Pick 118, by Friday, May 16, 2008.

The proposals will be evaluated by Environmental Studies faculty. Successful applicants will be contacted no later than Friday, May 30, 2008.

Consult <http://internationalstudies.uchicago.edu/globalenvironment/index.shtml> for program information.

All inquiries should be addressed to Dean Clason, Pick 118, phone: 773.702.1673, e-mail: globalenvironment@uchicago.edu.