



# 2009-2010 Multidisciplinary Environmental Research Awards for Graduate Students

As part of its mission to enhance multidisciplinary research, the Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering (CESE) is funding projects to support multidisciplinary environmental research by graduate students. These awards provide support during the summer to encourage multidisciplinary collaborative research related to environmental sciences and engineering by graduate students (either Masters or Doctoral) and graduate faculty members at UConn.

These awards are intended to provide supplemental support for new collaborations and activities that are not being supported by current funding. Allowable expenses include summer stipend for student, travel for field research, and supplies and equipment to conduct the research. Funds may not be used for indirect costs, salaries, publication costs, page charges, text books, or attendance at meetings.

## Eligibility

Student must be in good standing in a graduate program at the University of Connecticut at the time of application and during the period of summer research. The applicant should identify two faculty mentors who will collaborate in the conduct of the proposed research. Faculty mentors must be members of the graduate faculty at UConn, and should be in two different disciplines, preferably from two different departments.

## Awards

**Estimated number of awards:** 15-25.

**Funding amount:** Generally not more than 8 K per proposal, except in well-documented circumstances and with strong justification.

**Timeline:** All award funds must be spent by the end of the Fiscal Year (**30 June 2010**) in compliance with regulations issued by the University Controller. Awarded budgets will not carry forward to the 2011 fiscal year. Please contact **Ms. Marita Decozio-Wiley** ([marita.d.wiley@uconn.edu](mailto:marita.d.wiley@uconn.edu)), who can help you avoid loss of funds by insuring that you budget appropriate expenses that can be spent before **30 June 2010**

## Award Conditions

**Awards require the following:**

1. Possible participation in a workshop on “writing for the public” and production of a one-page fact sheet that describes the main research activities of the grant.
2. Possible participation in a multidisciplinary graduate colloquium.
3. A final report (i.e., poster) that summarizes accomplishments and future directions.
4. Copies of manuscripts or proposals that arise from the collaboration.
5. Acknowledgement of CESE in publications or presentations related to supported work.

## Deadline

**Submission:** Electronic receipt of complete application by **5:00 PM on 4 December 2009** (submit to [environment@uconn.edu](mailto:environment@uconn.edu)); you may verify receipt with Kathy Allard (6-2798).

**Review & Award:** Proposals will be evaluated by a Panel of CESE Faculty; notification of awards will occur early in the **2010 Spring Semester**.

## Proposal Content

Proposals must be submitted *electronically* by students as a **single PDF document**. The Adobe Acrobat “**CESE Cover Page**” (available at [www.cese.uconn.edu](http://www.cese.uconn.edu)) must be completed and inserted at the beginning of the document. Please use the following convention in naming your document (“**Lastname\_CESE\_Proposal\_2010.PDF**”). To be complete, proposals **must** include the following materials in the specified order, using the text in bold to identify sections:

1. CESE Cover Page (1 page);
2. **Non-Technical Abstract** (1/2 page);
3. **Research Description** (maximum of 4 pages);
4. **Budget & Justification** (maximum of 1 page);
5. Statement of the **Multidisciplinary Nature of the Environmental Research** (maximum of 1/2 page);
6. Statement that details a **Plan for Collaboration** with **both** faculty mentors (maximum of 1/2 page);
7. Statement of the “**Relationship of Proposed Research to Thesis or Dissertation**” (maximum of 1/2 page);
8. Statement of the “**Relationship of Proposed Research to that of Faculty Mentors**”, more specifically to each of the two faculty mentors (maximum of 1/2 page);
9. Letters of support from each faculty mentor;
10. **Accomplishments and outcomes** from previous support by CESE to a student or to faculty mentors listed on this proposal must be documented in an addendum, not to exceed 5 pages (total). Previous support from CESE includes awards from this competition or from the “Graduate Student Research Assistantships in support of Multidisciplinary Activities by Faculty Members” competition over the past 3 years; and
11. Curriculum Vitae of applicant, followed by the CV of each faculty mentor.

Items 2 through 8 and 11 must be single-spaced and prepared using 12 point font, with 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right), formatted for 8 1/2 by 11 paper. The length of the “Research Description” includes tables and figures, but does not include Literature Cited, which may be inserted after the 4 page description of research.

No other documents or supporting material will be considered by the Panel. Proposals received after the deadline, incomplete proposals, and non-compliant proposals will be returned to the applicant without review.

Please read and follow the guidelines on the “Additional Instructions” page.

Please direct questions to Dr. Jack Clausen, Co-Chair of the Committee ([john.clausen@uconn.edu](mailto:john.clausen@uconn.edu)).