



This program will provide 6 months of stipend support and the designation as a CEI Graduate Fellow to pursue Ph.D. research on CEI-focused areas.

Objective

To encourage excellence in research and education by supporting highly talented and motivated graduate students for work on CEI-related topics. It is expected that eligible students will apply for a graduate research fellowship (e.g. DOE, NSF, NDSEG, etc., the following fall). Cross-departmental student-advisor pairings and co-advising are allowed and encouraged, but not required.

Financial Support Provided

RA stipend provided for December 16, 2014 through June 15, 2015 at departmental stipend rate. No materials and supplies or equipment funds will be provided.

Eligibility & Project Focus

Students must have begun their graduate study at UW in fall quarter 2011 or later. Incoming students who plan to join the lab of CEI-affiliated faculty and students working in established research groups are both eligible.

While the project must be directed at one of the three core CEI research areas (solar, storage, grid systems), the emphasis for the selection process for this fellowship is not the project, but the demonstrated merit of the student.

Application & Deadline

The application should consist of: (i) a 150 (max) word statement of the student's anticipated research during the award period,

(ii) a 50 word (max) statement regarding the student's graduation timeline and career goals; (iii) a CV (not to exceed 2 pages) listing undergraduate GPA, UW graduate GPA, publications, presentations, awards, and participation in education and broader community activities; (iv) 2 letters of reference, at least one of which is from a UW faculty member; (v) (first year students only) a letter from the student's prospective advisor committing to admit them to their lab should they win a fellowship. Online application and letters of reference must be submitted by 9:00 pm on November 3, 2014.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria will include, but are not limited to: (i) demonstrated potential for research excellence, (ii) relevance of the proposed research project to the CEI mission areas, (iii) evidence that the fellow is (or will become) an active participant and leader in the broader CEI community.

Announcement Date

Decisions will be announced the week of November 17.

Award Conditions

As a condition of the award, all award recipients will work with the CEI education director to prepare a short informative video suitable for online presentation (e.g. YouTube video) to be delivered prior to June 1, 2015.

All application materials must be submitted online by 9:00 pm on November 3, 2014.

Apply online at

www.cei.washington.edu/grad-fellowships