

## Distinguished Awards for Interdisciplinary Sustainability

To foster high-impact sustainability collaborations across the University of Michigan, the Dow Sustainability Fellows program includes a competition for applied sustainability projects that cut across disciplines and academic levels, and involve U-M students at all academic levels.

### Request for Proposals

The program seeks two-page project proposals that describe a compelling and practicable effort to foster sustainability at the local, national, or global level. Proposals should be action oriented and outline a new product, service, or project that seeks to protect the environment and enhance quality of life for present and future generations. The program encourages proposals spanning the full breadth of sustainability topics, including but not limited to: energy, water, communities, food, built environment, transportation, etc. Project proposals in partnership with external entities are also welcome. As there are other U-M student award programs that recognize efforts to implement sustainability improvements directed at the U-M campus, the Dow Awards program is instead focused on improvements beyond the campus environment.

The 2014 Dow Awards Program is loosely modeled after the successful MCubed program in that it provides seed funding to nurture a wide range of project ideas. To be minimally eligible, each team must include a representative from three different schools/colleges. All project teams selected to receive \$5,000 in seed funding must provide a progress report by Oct. 1, 2014 summarizing their accomplishments. A few of the most impressive projects will then be selected to receive additional funding to drive further progress.

Proposals are reviewed by an independent committee of U-M faculty and external practitioners from business, government, and civil society. It is envisioned that up to two project proposals in a calendar year will be awarded with Distinguished Awards of up to \$50,000 each. All award funds must be used for project implementation. Disbursement of funds will be staged and will be contingent upon satisfactory progress and achievement of pre-identified project milestones.

### Timeframe

Two-page project proposals may be submitted at any time between mid-January and August 1, or until the first 20 project proposals have been funded, whichever occurs first. Award winners are announced in November. Award winners are required to present their projects, including progress toward implementation, on the U-M campus in early April of the following year before a distinguished and diverse group of external sustainability practitioners.

### Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP)

The program is a multi-partisan leadership training programs designed to give graduates the knowledge and skills needed to make sound public policy decisions and to be effective leaders of the future. Applications are sought from individuals who are interested in enhancing their leadership and political skills in order to better serve communities, constituencies, or causes.

Annually, a diverse group of individuals is awarded the opportunity to participate in a hands-on curriculum that incorporates personal leadership development, public policy process and analysis, governance, and campaigning. Practical skills training is emphasized. Fellows participate in team and coalition-building activities to foster communication and the exchange of ideas. The MPLP faculty is comprised of elected officials, political activists, MSU faculty, media, and business professionals from across Michigan.

#### **Weekend Schedule:**

There are 10 sessions throughout the course year. Sessions are generally scheduled every third/ fourth Friday of the month, February through November, and begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Most sessions conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Full participation is required. Applicants should be available to attend all sessions to be considered for a fellowship.

#### **Eligibility**

Any Michigan resident who has demonstrated a commitment to effective, responsible public policy and is planning to further that commitment is welcome to apply. Due to campaign demands, MPLP typically does not accept applications from candidates or candidate staff who will be engaged in a campaign during the fellowship year.

#### **Amount** \$12,000USD

24 individuals are selected for the program. Considerable financial resources and time are donated to support each fellowship, valued at approximately \$12,000. The fellowship covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs; however, accepted Fellows are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program. Scholarship funds to defray the administrative fee are available on a limited basis and may be formally requested upon application.

#### **Citizenship or Residency**

United States

**More Info:** <http://ippsr.msu.edu/mplp/recruitment.htm>

**Deadline:** Continuous/Ongoing

## Fellowship Opportunities

Winter 2014

### Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), Higher Education Research experiences at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for Graduate Students

**Targeted fields:**

Physical Sciences. School of Engineering. School of Public Health. Be pursuing a degree or career in science, mathematics, engineering, technology, or related fields.

**Open to:**

Prospective/Current Graduate Students. Students Working on Master's Thesis. Students Working on Doctoral Dissertation.

**Citizenship:** Open only to U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Must be at least 18 years old, currently enrolled in a master's or PhD program, have completed at least one term or be in the first term of a graduate program and have a GPA of at least 2.5.

**Stipend:** Stipend of \$600/week, one round trip between home/school and ORNL, and housing allowance of \$125/week for those who live more 60 miles away from Oak Ridge.

**Deadline:**

- Summer Deadline 2/1/2014
- Fall Deadline 6/1/2014

**Program description:**

The program provides research awards at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for 10-52 weeks consecutively. ORNL conducts basic and applied research and development to create scientific knowledge and technological solutions that strengthen the nation's leadership in key areas of science; increase the availability of clean, abundant energy; restore and protect the environment; and contribute to national security.

**For more information:**

Science Education Programs at Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
Building 5100, MS-6173  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-6173

(865) 576-3427

Cheryl.Brown@orau.org.

[www3.orau.gov/ORNL\\_TOppS/Posting/Details/462](http://www3.orau.gov/ORNL_TOppS/Posting/Details/462)

## James Madison Memorial Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level. Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. Generally, one Fellowship per state is awarded each year.

Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m., central time, **March 1, 2014**.

Transcripts can be uploaded in the application as a PDF file. If you choose to mail them instead, they must be received by March 4, 2014, at the following address:

James Madison Fellowship Program/59  
327 2nd St., Suite 103  
Coralville, IA 52241

Recommendations must be submitted online. The recommender deadline is 5:00 p.m., central time, March 4, 2013.

During the application period, program announcements related to the application and corresponding deadlines will be sent via email. please add [Madison@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:Madison@scholarshipamerica.org) and [Madison@act.org](mailto:Madison@act.org) to your email program's safe list to be certain those messages get delivered.

In addition, email notifications are sent to recommenders. You should contact each person you intend to use as a recommender. They must also add [Madison@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:Madison@scholarshipamerica.org) to their email program's safe list. Use that conversation to confirm their precise email address. If you enter it wrong, they will not receive the proper link necessary to enter your recommendation via the online application system.

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliations, or age in its programs and activities. View the Federal Register for complete James Madison Fellowship program regulations.

<https://jamesmadison.scholarsapply.org/>

### Robert & Judy Marans and Kan & Lillian Chen Fellowship

Robert Marans was a professor of architecture and urban planning in U-M's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning and continues to conduct research at the Institute for Social Research. Prior to his retirement, Kan Chen was a professor of electrical engineering in U-M's College of Engineering and computer science and is known for his efforts to apply systems engineering principles to society problems. Both Chen and Marans served consecutively, as directors of the University-wide interdisciplinary doctoral program in urban, technological and environmental planning between 1980 and 1992.

**Purpose:**

To provide support for an early-stage graduate student from any unit at the University of Michigan to earn a certificate in survey methodology from the Institute for Social Research (ISR) Program in Survey Methodology (PSM). The fellowship will support a student who demonstrates a strong commitment to fostering sustainability using social science research methods in combination with creativity and other disciplinary technical skills. This award is based on the belief that the answers to complex sustainability challenges can only be developed through technical solutions that incorporate an understanding of human behavior. The Fellowship linking the Graham Institute and ISR is one way to be sure that interdisciplinary problem solving occurs.

**Eligibility:**

The goal of the fellowship is to give student researchers a set of technical skills that will enable them to develop inter-disciplinary solutions to some aspect of sustainability. The winning applicant will be an early-stage graduate student enrolled in a Ph.D. program from across campus who is interested in acquiring technical skills in quantitative social science to study various aspects of sustainability. The ideal applicant will be in his/her first year to assure that the technical survey skills are an essential component of the Fellow's dissertation research. Applications are due by March 10, 2014.

**Level of Support:**

The Fellowship will provide financial support to complete the certificate in Survey Methodology over a two-year period, including at least one summer. The award will pay for the cost of tuition for obtaining the Certificate. No stipend or insurance is provided.

**Deadline:**

March 10, 2014

<http://graham.umich.edu/learning/marans-chen>

## Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grants

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation awards grants of up to \$2,000 each in support of research in the holdings of the Gerald R. Ford Library. A grant defrays travel and living expenses of a research trip to the Ford Library. Overseas applicants are welcome to apply, but they will be responsible for the costs of travel between their home country and North America. The grants only cover travel within North America.

Library collections focus on Federal policies, U.S. foreign relations, and national politics in the 1960s and 1970s. There are earlier and later materials depending upon your topic

### How do I apply?

You may download the application in Microsoft Word format. Before you apply, please contact the Library for information about holdings related to your project. To apply, please send the application form, a vita, and a two or three-page project proposal to the Library by mail, fax, or e-mail. The proposal should provide both a description of the project and the ways in which Ford Library resources can advance the research. Ask three professional references to send supporting letters of recommendation by mail, fax, or e-mail. Letters of recommendation must be received by the first day of the month after the application deadline (April 1 for the spring round and October 1 for the fall round). Grant applications lacking the full complement of recommendations by these dates may be deemed incomplete and held for consideration in a later round.

### When are the application deadlines?

Awards are made twice yearly. Application deadlines are MARCH 15 and SEPTEMBER 15. If you submit your application by mail, it must be postmarked by the deadline. You may submit applications at any time, and those received too late for one round will automatically be considered in the next.

### How and when are grants awarded?

Selection criteria are pertinence of "open" Library holdings, project significance, appropriateness of project design, and applicant qualifications. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation typically authorizes \$30,000-\$35,000 for grants each year.

The Grants Coordinator will notify grant recipients about two months after the deadline. Grants must support research conducted after the awards are announced and will not be awarded retroactively for research already conducted. The Library staff presents the grant check when the recipient arrives to begin research.

Grant recipients must begin Ford Library research within one year of receiving an award notice, acknowledge Foundation support in the resulting publication(s), and donate to the Library a copy of the publication(s).

### What other grants are available through the Gerald R. Ford Library?

The "Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award (Dissertation Award) in Honor of Robert Teeter" in the amount of \$5,000 is given annually to one individual to support dissertation research on an aspect of the U.S. political process during the latter part of the twentieth century.

## Judith McManus Price Scholarship

The scholarship is meant to celebrate planning by providing partial funding for women and minority (African American, Hispanic American, or Native American) students. Awards will be made to those demonstrating the highest levels of commitment to the planning profession as communicated in the personal statement and involvement in other planning-related activities, academic achievement, strong letters of recommendation, and financial need.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- women and members of one of the following minority groups: African American, Hispanic American, or Native American;
- citizens of the United States;
- students enrolled or officially accepted for enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate planning program accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB);
- students who intend to work as practicing planners in the public sector, (which includes local, state and federal government, and not-for-profit careers);
- students able to document their need for financial assistance.

Prior winners of any APA-administered fellowship or scholarship program are not eligible.

### Amount

Upper \$4,000USD and Lower \$2,000USD

The payments are made to the school on the student's account. The award includes a paid one-year student membership to APA.

### Requirements

Graduate Student

Minority

Women

### Citizenship or Residency

United States

**Deadline:** April 30th 2014

**More Info:** <http://www.planning.org/scholarships/apa/index.htm>

## Armenian Studies Program: Summer Research Grants

ASP seeks applications for funding from U-M undergraduate and graduate students whose research/projects are related to Armenian studies. Applicants for research grants may be at preliminary or more advanced stages of their research.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must be enrolled in full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree programs at the University of Michigan.

### Application Procedure:

The following materials are required:

- \*Summer funding application
- \*Statement of purpose (1-3 pages) including proposed time period, institutional affiliation, location, your reasons for pursuing the internship or research project, and how this experience will contribute to your career goals
- \*One letter of recommendation
- \*Curriculum vitae or resume
- \*Official University of Michigan transcript

Application form and supporting materials should be submitted to:

Armenian Studies Program Grant Applications

1080 S. University, Suite 3633

Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106

Or by email: [asp.fellowships@umich.edu](mailto:asp.fellowships@umich.edu)

Questions should be directed to [asp.fellowships@umich.edu](mailto:asp.fellowships@umich.edu) or 734.763.0622.

Deadline:

March 15, 2014

<https://www.lsa.umich.edu/asp/academics/studentfunding>



## Fred & Lena Meijer Scholarship

The Fred & Lena Meijer Scholarship is a private fund that was established at Grand Rapids Community Foundation in 1975 for children of Meijer team members. In 2010, the program was expanded to include current Meijer team members. In 2012, the scholarships were enhanced to \$2,500, with the family adding two \$10,000 scholarships: one each in Fred and Lena Meijer's names.

The scholarship is administered and awarded by Grand Rapids Community Foundation and is based on financial need, academic performance, and community involvement. A written essay of aspirations and educational goals is also part of the application process. "Grand Rapids Community Foundation is proud to administer the Meijer scholarship fund and help bring the benefits of higher education to its team members and families," Diana Sieger, president of Grand Rapids Community Foundation said.

The scholarships are available for use at any accredited college, university, vocational, technical or specialized educational institution nationwide. The number of scholarships awarded each year is determined as a percentage of the number of applicants as set by the federal government.

See more at: [http://www.grfoundation.org/pressreleases/20130822/Our\\_Meijer\\_Scholarship\\_Awards#sthash.FMjhP4o.dpuf](http://www.grfoundation.org/pressreleases/20130822/Our_Meijer_Scholarship_Awards#sthash.FMjhP4o.dpuf)

**Application Deadline:**

April 1, 2014

### Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy

The WREI Fellowships are designed to train women as potential leaders in public policy formation and to examine issues from the perspective and experiences and needs of women. Fellows come to Washington, DC, following a mandatory two-week orientation to Capitol Hill in January. Fellows meet once a week at issue seminars with women's advocates, activists, Congressional staff, researchers, and lobbyists. Fellows work as legislative assistants on policy issues.

The program is designed to:

- Encourage more effective participation by women in the formulation of policy options;
- Promote activities that encourage the translation of research into policy;
- Raise awareness that national and international issues concerning women are interdependent;
- Increase understanding that those issues often defined as "women's issues" are, in fact, human issues - important to men as well as women.

#### Eligibility

Students who are currently enrolled in a master's, doctoral, or professional degree program at an accredited institution in the U.S. or who have completed such a program within the past 18 months are eligible.

WREI strongly recommends that applicants have completed at least nine hours of graduate coursework before applying, and have a demonstrated interest in research or political activity relevant to women's social and political status.

Fellows may come from virtually any field, including medicine, the law, the arts, the natural sciences, the social sciences, women's studies, and business.

Amount \$11,600USD

Between five and seven fellowships will be available, depending on funding. WREI Fellows receive a stipend of approximately \$1,450 per month for eight months (January-August). An additional sum of up to \$500 is provided... more »

#### Requirements

Graduate Student

#### Citizenship or Residency

United States

**More Info:** <http://www.wrei.org/FellowsFAQ.htm>

**Deadline:** June 14th 2014

### Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

The Institute of International Education (IIE), on behalf of the U.S. State Department, administers the Student Fulbright Program, which makes fellowships available to approximately 1,900 U.S. students annually to study, conduct research, and teach English or train in the creative arts in more than 140 countries worldwide. At U-M this competition is administered by the International Institute.

**Eligibility Requirements:** To apply for this program through the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus, applicants must (a) be U-M students, alumni, or staff; (b) be U.S. citizens; (c) have completed an undergraduate degree by the beginning of the award; and (d) demonstrate the language skills necessary to complete the proposed project. Enrolled students are required to apply through U-M.

**Deadline:** Early September 2014

**Information Sessions:** A U-M Fulbright Program Advisor will describe the application and selection process and provide suggestions for making your application more competitive.

**Application Submission:**

Applicants must submit a completed Online Application which includes the following:

- o Statement of Grant Purpose (single-spaced, 12-pt. font, a maximum of 2 pages for the full grant, a maximum of 1 page for the ETA grant)
- o Personal Statement (single-spaced, 12-pt. font, a maximum of 1 page)
- o Three Letters of Recommendation (narrative letter for full grant, short answer for the ETA)
- o Transcript(s) for all undergraduate and graduate work (if any)
- o Foreign Language Evaluation, if language skills applicable to your project
- o Letter(s) of Affiliation (strongly recommended for full grant, not applicable for ETA)
- o Supplementary Materials (creative and performing arts applicants ONLY)

**Advising:** Applicants should familiarize themselves with all sections of the Fulbright website, paying special attention to the About, Countries, and Applicants sections. Students should also attend an Information Session (see above). After attending an Information Session, students should meet individually with a Fulbright Program Advisor:

Graduate students, professional school students, and applicants in the arts should meet with Kelly Peckens (kpeckens@umich.edu, 734.764.9135).

Undergraduate students, ETA applicants, and alumni should meet with Heather Johnson (hdilla@umich.edu, 734.615.8483).

**Website:** <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

**CTools:** U-M enrolled students and alumni can now join our "Fulbright Resources" site on CTools. To join, simply login to CTools using your username and password. Click on "Membership" and then "Joinable Sites." There you can search for our "Fulbright Resources" site and click to join. The Statements of Grant Purpose and Personal Statements of both our past full grant recipients and ETA grant recipients, as well as previous Letters of Affiliation, are available.

