

Call for Proposals: ByWater Institute International Scholarship Exchange

Award: \$11,000 plus health insurance and advisor compensation

Application Deadline: Monday, November 11, 2024

Submission form link: https://secure.lgforms.com/form_engine/s/wcpna2Yd7YJnKDW-U1xzyw

Summary

At the ByWater Institute, we believe that Thriving ByWater starts locally but ultimately encompasses communities around the world that share the same challenges as New Orleans, coastal Louisiana, and the Mississippi River Basin. Our mission relies on collaboration and exchange of ideas both within our region and across the globe. We have established relationships with universities in Cambodia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Thailand, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam to facilitate this exchange.

This program will send at least one Tulane graduate student abroad for 8 weeks of research or scholarship at a partner institution. They will immerse themselves in the culture of a new place and conduct a project that impacts the environment or communities in the host country and has potential to solve similar problems back at home. Here at Tulane, the student's advisor will host a student from the partner institution and engage them in an ongoing project.

A Tulane student will be embedded in the research group of an international collaborator and a student from their research group will be embedded here at Tulane. The end goal is student-led collaboration between labs at Tulane and participating international universities. Whenever possible, student exchanges should be transdisciplinary—for example a student with social science training at UNAM will exchange with a student in engineering at Tulane (or vice versa).

Eligibility

Tulane graduate students in any discipline are eligible for this opportunity. They must be at a thesis stage of their program with at least one year of relevant scholarly experience. Their PhD advisor must support their application and agree to host a reciprocal exchange within 2 years of the award commencement.

Proposal

Students must submit a brief proposal (up to 4 pages) describing their scholarly interests and methods. They should also explain the climate adaptation challenges that their scholarship addresses. The application may specify the country or countries that the student wishes to visit. With that information in hand, the ByWater Institute will match successful applicants in a cross-disciplinary collaboration at one of our partner institutions.

Advisors must submit a letter of commitment. The letter should agree that the student may spend 8 weeks abroad and they agree to welcome a visiting student to join their lab for a reciprocal exchange. The advisor should make every effort to provide equipment and expertise to the exchange visitor, but the program will cover the cost of consumable supplies.

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Award Details

The student will receive a stipend of \$6,000 for 8 weeks abroad plus reimbursement of up to \$5,000 of travel expenses (airfare, airport transfers, and in-country housing costs). BWI will also cover costs of health insurance for the student while they are abroad. BWI will work with the Tulane Global office to assist the student with their visa and other logistics.

The advisor will receive a stipend for their time advising the visiting student and BWI will cover all consumables required by the visiting student.

Proposal Review

Fellows will be chosen by a committee drawn from the ByWater Institute leadership team, internal and external advisors, and current Institute Fellows. Priority will be given to projects that best meet ByWater Institute goals and fit with international partner research priorities. The Institute reserves the right to accept more proposals than targeted in the RFP or to deny all applications in a given cycle.

Contact

Please direct questions about the fellowship program and application process to Shelley Meaux, Associate Director – smeaux@tulane.edu, (504) 862-8441.