

American Electric Power Foundation Graduate Assistantships for Watersheds and Environmental STEM Education

This program supports Ohio University master or doctoral students engaged in interdisciplinary, applications-based watershed research in southeastern Ohio and who also have strong interests in science education and knowledge transfer of watershed issues. Responsibilities of the assistantships include development of water resource-related science and technology based lesson plans suitable for high school classes. Funding includes graduate stipends and some research project costs (equipment, supplies, and travel). Duration of support ranges from one semester to two years (2018-2020), depending on the needs and progress of the student.

Applicants must be full-time, degree-seeking graduate students enrolled in or accepted for admission to an Ohio University graduate program appropriate for applied watershed restoration science. Students must have an identified graduate advisor that is a member of the Appalachian Watershed Research Group and a well-conceived research project that involves innovative learning opportunities while also solving real-world problems. Awardees will be selected on the basis of their record of scholarly performance, leadership potential, and the merits of the proposed research project.

Applicants should submit:

- a) A curriculum vitae describing prior coursework and relevant experience
- b) Copies of transcripts and GRE scores
- c) A statement of career goals/research interests
- d) A 2-3 page statement of research and education interests that includes one or more research project ideas. Applicants should work with their potential graduate advisors to develop specific project ideas that align closely with ongoing work by the Appalachian Watershed Research Group.
- e) Three letters of recommendation (these can be the same letters for application to the candidate's graduate program, or they can be sent to Dr. Kelly Johnson, johnsok3@ohio.edu).

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Review of applications will begin as early as February 2, 2018.

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