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## **FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT: 2024 Wrigley Institute Graduate Fellowships**

The USC Wrigley Institute for Environment and Sustainability is pleased to announce that Summer Graduate Fellowship applications are now open for Spring/Summer 2024, to support USC Dornsife Ph.D. students working in environmental or sustainability themes or at the intersection of environment and society. Successful candidates receive (1) exclusive cohort leadership activities during Spring 2024 and (2) a Summer 2024 stipend to advance their graduate research.

The goal of the Wrigley Institute's Graduate Fellowship program is to help develop successful researchers and leaders in environment and sustainability. Fellows join 10-15 graduate students in a cohort of peers working across disciplines and contexts. They will meet monthly through the spring to network and enhance their understanding of topics such as academic leadership, science and public policy, communication and storytelling, inclusive and impactful mentoring, successful grant writing, and preparing for diverse job markets. Fellows who successfully complete this Spring 2024 leadership program will receive \$6,000 in summer support to pursue their research. Upon selection, Fellows will be identified either as *Wrigley Institute Graduate Fellows* or as *Sonosky Environmental Sustainability Graduate Fellows* (to be determined upon selection, based on research topic).

Proposals are invited from full-time USC Dornsife Ph.D. students in any discipline.

**Applications and advisor letters (See "Application Process" for faculty upload link) are due by 5:00pm (PT) on Friday, December 8, 2023.**

### [LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

#### Fellowship Guidelines:

*Funding:* Selected Fellows will receive \$6,000 as a summer stipend award.

*Activities:* To build a cohesive network of outstanding graduate students in environment and sustainability, USC Fellows will participate in a leadership cohort program throughout Spring 2024. Fellows will meet monthly for informal dinners (January-April) with discussions and presentations to build professional skills and community. Fellows are expected to attend all these sessions; absences may be excused in advance with permission of program directors. Other optional professional development opportunities may be made available throughout the spring and summer.

Upon completion of the spring leadership program, students will receive a summer stipend to conduct independent research related to their graduate degree, under supervision of each student's faculty advisor.



During the Fellowship period, Fellows will be expected to contribute one written blog entry to the Wrigley Institute website. Fellows will be offered the opportunity to participate in a professional photo shoot covering their work and may also be offered opportunities to engage in other science communications and mentoring opportunities (e.g., with the Institute's REU program, summer undergraduate internships, serving on career panels, or at public engagement events), as appropriate.

*For Fellows conducting work at Catalina Island:* Each student awarded a Summer Fellowship at Catalina will be provided transportation to/from the Wrigley Marine Science Center (WMSC) on the USC vessel, use of laboratory space and basic research equipment available at WMSC, and housing at WMSC. Fellows must cover costs for research supplies and specialized equipment during their stay at WMSC. Fellows must also bring their own dive gear and cover any additional expenses such as usage of a boat, housing costs for non-student dive buddies (only if room is available), and air fills. Each Fellow should arrange to provide their own food (cooking facilities are provided in apartments) or must purchase a meal plan/tickets for the WMSC cafeteria. These are available through the WMSC business office at a reasonable cost. Fellows will be required to adhere to all COVID-19 policies in effect at WMSC for Summer 2024.

*Close-Out:* Upon completion of the fellowship, each Fellow will be required to submit a two (2) page summary report on their summer research activities and accomplishments. Fellows will also be expected to attend the fellowship closing event, ideally at the WMSC on Catalina Island in the late summer of 2024; and to present their research at the Wrigley Institute's annual research symposium.

#### Application Process:

To apply, please submit the following materials through the online application portal ([LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION](#)):

- Research proposal, 3 pages maximum. Please include:
  - Introduction: summarizing your research and why you are interested in this fellowship
  - Spring/Summer 2024 Research Goals: written for a general science audience
  - Broader Impacts: describing the significance of your project for society
  - Statement of additional anticipated Summer 2024 funding sources (e.g., stipends, fellowships, TA-ships), and any planned extended travel away from your research during the fellowship period.
- Letter of support from your faculty advisor should be uploaded [here](#) by the Dec. 8 deadline. PDF (preferred) or word docs accepted.

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Please send any questions to Jessica Dutton at [jmdutton@usc.edu](mailto:jmdutton@usc.edu). Applications will be reviewed by the Wrigley Institute Fellowship Selection Committee, and awards will be made by the end of December 2023. We look forward to supporting your research!

